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1. Executive Summary

The areas of work important to CHEC in the context of human ecology are advocacy especially through international and Commonwealth meetings around areas of great concern such as climate change, food and water security, and the role of gender. These are international issues where CHEC believes human ecological thinking and education can help towards sustainability.

CHEC works in partnership with its Chapters and organisations such as Community based Impact Assessment Network for Eastern Africa (CIANEA) in Uganda and Sisters4Sustainability in Australia. As human ecology is a global subject, CHEC cooperates with human ecological organisations such as the Society for Human Ecology (US) and the German Society for Human Ecology.

In April 2013 Waikato University (New Zealand) announced the inaugural recipient of the Dr Zena Daysh Doctoral Fellowship in Sustainability. The Fellowship is in memory of New Zealand born Zena Daysh, founder and Chair of CHEC. The University of Waikato conferred an honorary doctorate on her in London in 2009 and when she passed away in 2011, aged 96, a generous bequest was made from her estate to fund the Fellowship. The recipient is Sangion Tiu from Papua New Guinea, and more is said about her approach in paragraph 6 (a).

During 2012, CHEC has been represented at several important meetings such as Rio +20 in Brazil; the World Urban Forum in Italy; the 18th Commonwealth Conference of Education Ministers in Mauritius; the Eco Summit in Ohio, USA; and in early 2013 several members of CHEC attended the SHE XIX Conference in Canberra, Australia.

CHEC has a good relationship with both the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Commonwealth Foundation and participated in various events under the Commonwealth umbrella. After CHEC’s AGM, the Foundation’s Director, Vijay Krishnarayan, led a Round Table discussion at Marlborough House about changes within his organisation. Several members from other Commonwealth Associations were invited by CHEC and this made it a lively and challenging session.

ComHabitat is struggling for its survival, but CHEC is engaged in helping to revitalise it, together with CAP and CASLE. This is not easy due to the absence of resources.

CHEC received two Grants from the Foundation: one for Micro-enterprise for Women in Climate Change and one for Mangroves and Local People Workshop, held in The Gambia in June 2013.

Also supported were small projects in India, run by APT Social Services in Andhra Pradesh, supporting children into education, by acting as coordinator for small grants from foundations such as the Calpe Trust.

CHEC Points no 37 reported on a seminar on climate change and the green economy which was arranged by CHEC India.

CHEC’s website was updated during the year, and the hope is that it will improve steadily in the future.

By the end of the year Mary Dunkley who had served CHEC diligently for some 12 years retired. We all wish her great happiness and good health in the years ahead.

The office at Earls Court into which CHEC moved at the end of 2011 had to be vacated due to the Earls Court area redevelopment. At the end of the year, CHEC signed a new lease for a small office at Hurlingham Studios in Fulham. The move was completed in February 2013.

Hurlingham Studios, Fulham, London
2. CHEC Projects

a. Gender mainstreaming workshop, Lake Victoria, 16 - 22 January 2012

The Commonwealth Foundation awarded CHEC, from strong competing bids, a Special Grant for a major workshop to follow-up three previous events in the Lake Victoria, East Africa region over the past three years. This was organised by Patricia Kabatabazi, Governing Board Member, on behalf of the Community based Impact Assessment Network for Eastern Africa (CIANEA) in partnership with CHEC.

Opening ceremony, arrival of Hon. Bintu Julita Lukuma Abwooli, Member of Parliament, Masindi District

The theme of the workshop was “Women as Agents of Change”, following the Commonwealth’s theme for 2011-12. The 36 participants came from four Commonwealth countries, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda, joined by Burundi. It included women, men, young and old, with trainees who had attended earlier workshops and from all five countries. They represented different cultures from around the Lake Victoria basin.

The seven modules at the workshop set the platform for a common understanding of basic concepts that relate to gender, gender mainstreaming and Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM). The aim was to facilitate a better understanding of gender issues within the IWRM framework through case studies from the different countries of Eastern Africa. General strategies for promoting IWRM at different levels were discussed covering policy both institutional and at grass roots. Modules were aimed at assisting those intending to mainstream gender within their projects with practical tools for institutional assessment, analysis and planning. The training was focused at demonstrating simple, learner centred, gender and poverty sensitive participatory tools that can be used within the policy, programme and project levels.

An enabling environment is necessary to make gender and poverty sensitive perspectives a norm for different types of organisations. One module therefore looks at tools for formulating policies and designing or influencing organizations to be gender sensitive. It also introduces the new Gender and Water Alliance Policy Development Manual. This tool is recommended for all its organisations as a starting point for gender mainstreaming within the groups.

The main objective of the workshop was to equip the participants with knowledge and skills required to design and conduct practical training courses in mainstreaming gender into trans-boundary water resources management.

Activities within the training element went well and all participants were active in their involvement according to the participating organisations. CIANEA extended their heartfelt thanks to Ian Douglas of CHEC for coordinating the funding process given the Training of Trainers Regional Programme, and the Commonwealth Foundation Special Grant.

Accountability has been CIANEA’s focus since gender mainstreaming workshops started. CIANEA is intending to carry on the ‘training of trainers’ and evaluate the communities’ workshop. It will be a sustainable project if they can get more funds as it is very hard to carry out training without such assistance. Participants from different countries encouraged CIANEA to plan for other training opportunities.

Lake Victoria, from the Jinja District.

CHEC Points No. 38, reporting on this workshop was published June 2013
b. Micro-Enterprise for Pacific Women for Climate Change

The purpose of this project was to empower women through microenterprise to address climate change impacts for the short and longer terms in their communities in small island states. Representatives were nominated by NGOs through women’s and development networks. Applicants completed a precise questionnaire before being nominated to come to Australia to get training and to participate in the 19th International Conference of the Society of Human Ecology and International Sustainability Scientists. This was sponsored by CHEC and held in Canberra, Australia in February 2013.

This project was supported by the Commonwealth Foundation to deliver cross cultural relationships, provide women’s empowerment and to address community based climate change projects. The project also benefitted from in-kind donations encompassing intellectual input, practical expertise funding contributions from conference attendees and support from frontline groups (Sisters of Mercy, Pacifica and church groups).

Women representing civil society in small island states were nominated by 52 local and international NGOs. The aim was to share their understanding about climate change and the impact on their communities to see what on-the-ground action can be undertaken to provide safer futures.

A workshop was held at the SHE Conference to exchange experiences and views, as well as to develop strategies for local community action. Women shared their stories of successes and challenges with international scientists, representatives of civil society and practitioners to facilitate learning about practice, so not just research issues and policy proposals were discussed.

By doing this in the context of a wider international conference on human ecology, there was an opportunity to interact with some 200 delegates all with concerns about environmental change, social justice and sustainable development. There was a platform for people from small developing nations to explain the climate change adaptation issues they face to an audience made up mainly from developed countries.

Lolia represented Tarawa in Kiribati, a country of 33 inhabited coral atolls which are highly exposed to sea level rise and strong winds. She represents AMAK, the Kiribati national council of women responsible for capacity building and empowerment, women’s health, domestic violence and strengthening administration. Micro-enterprise and education are seen as immediate mechanisms for self-sufficiency, given overcrowding and local unemployment. The outlook for the next decade means that more efforts are needed for resettlement especially of the young people of the islands.

Olivia represented Northern Province PNG, and runs an elementary school/kindergarten for young children. They cannot attend the old school two kilometres away as a result of the floods in 2007 which washed away the only bridge. Olivia’s school runs with seven helpers and funds are raised through selling flowers from the school and produce from the community garden. A school house was erected from local materials. Children are provided rice for lunch, basic books and paper. An important lesson is English so children are better prepared for life beyond the village. At present the school is for ages 3 to 8, with most girls not continuing. Olivia’s vision is for all children to be well-educated in order to start a productive life.

Sr. Senolita, represented Tonga, a country of 168 islands of which only 35 are inhabited. Most coral atolls are inundated regularly, while volcanic islands are overpopulated. Water quality/accessibility is a challenge, while traditional crops are suffering from sea level rise and changing weather patterns. New crops and soil techniques need to be explored, while fisheries are variable so have little viability. The role of women and children in the future needs to aim for self-sufficiency which requires responsible decision making for communities.
c. Mangrove workshop

A Commonwealth Foundation Grant for 2012 - 13 has been provided for a workshop to be held in Banjul at the end of June 2013. This will involve a small group of West African experts in mangrove governance. Participants will come from affected communities to outline strategies for future governance and management of mangrove ecosystems to sustain natural coastal defences, inshore fisheries, wildlife and ecotourism, while maintaining sustainable livelihoods for growing coastal populations.

Existing artisanal livelihoods and development activities destroy mangrove ecosystems. Women who smoke fish or collect oysters or cut mangrove wood, are partly destroying the asset on which they depend. Shrimp aquaculture provides a new threat, in addition to fuel wood extraction. Significant chunks of Nigeria’s mangroves are affected by toxicity from crude oil spillages. Other threats to West African mangroves include logging, clearance for oil pipes, seismic lines and roads, salt production, urban development and settlement, and the spread of nypa palm. By improving mangrove ecosystem management the project will help women and men dependent on mangroves develop more sustainable livelihoods.

The organisation of the workshop will be led by Gunjur Environmental Protection and Development Group (GEPADG), under the leadership of Badara Bajo, CHEC’s contact person in The Gambia.

d. APT project: Shelter for Street Children, Andhra Pradesh, India.

CHEC has again been working as facilitator between the Calpe Trust and APT Social Service Society in Andhra Pradesh for a project to help and support young street children.

Estimates say there are over 21,000 street children in the Vijayawada, which is a big railway junction in Andhra Pradesh. These children, aged between 5 to 15 years, run away from their own villages and live mostly as scavengers, or beg for food. Some are able to find work, but they are treated harshly and have no facility for medicine, regular food, savings or security. APT offers a safe place to stay in their centre for these street children, where they have access to shelter, food, clothing and basic health care.

Case workers are sent into the community to build trust and a vital rapport with children living on the street. Once a relationship is forged, children are more likely to accept the offer of a place at the centre.

The programme is also offering non-formal education, which forms a vital part of the rehabilitation process and provides a gentle re-introduction to the education system, helping children to become familiar with a structured and disciplined environment. Regular attendance at school should help these children avoid falling back into life on the streets.

The reintegration of these children into caring families is the central goal of APT’s programme. The process is carefully managed with the child’s well-being and participation in all decisions at the heart of it. Family therapy sessions and follow up home visits are vital in ensuring that the child has returned to a stable and loving environment.

APT has been able to provide help to these street children for at least 6 months. Their work is continuing.

3. MEETINGS

a. Rio+20

Nicholas Watts reports:

CHEC was represented at the Rio+20 meeting in Brazil in June 2012 by Dr. Alpina Begossi, Director of the Fisheries and Food Institute of Sao Paolo, Brazil and a former President of Society for Human Ecology; Homera Cheema, former partner in the Commonwealth Fisheries programme, and Nicholas Watts, CHEC’s Educational Adviser.

A high-level conference on 16 June 2012 was organised by the Global Ocean Forum “The Oceans Day at Rio+20. Advancing Oceans, Coasts, and Island States at Rio+20 and Beyond”. Nicholas Watts spoke at the panel “The Living Ocean: Enhancing Fisheries for Food Security, Social and Economic Benefits”. Other speakers on
the panel included Ms Rachel Kyte, Vice President for the Sustainable Development Network, World Bank; The Global Partnership on Oceans (Special Address); Mr Russell F. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States; Mr Su’a N.F. Tanielu, Director-General, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), Solomon Islands; and Mr Sebastian Mathew, Programme Associate, International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF), India. Proceedings are available on Global Oceans Forum website www.globaloceans.org.

CHEC held a side event on 19 June, and this was built on the experience of the Commonwealth Fisheries Programme and of the last two Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings, working to identify transferable best practice in Commonwealth countries; build new partnerships to strengthen the role of universities in policy communities through South South/North cooperation; enhance the production and accessibility of relevant data on fisheries and their supporting ecosystems to improve the evidence base for policy; examine the relationship between fisheries decline, piracy and national security; explore the role of the Blue Economy in the Green Economy; assess how to strengthen regional fisheries governance mechanisms, including non-Commonwealth countries sharing common ecosystems; investigate the role of inshore fisheries in providing protein for coastal communities, with particular attention paid to the role of women and child nutrition; look at the contribution of integrating aquaculture development as a supplement to capture fisheries in securing sustainable growth for Commonwealth countries; and review the campaign to have IUU fishing declared a transnational organised crime.

Speakers at the Side Event were Professor Robin Mahon, Director of the University of the West Indies Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES) and a world expert on regional governance of fisheries; Dr Alpina Begossi, Brazil; Professor Emmanuel Kaunda of the University of Malawi and Coordinator of Afri-Fishnet, the network of African Universities engaged in fisheries management; and Mrs Estherine Fotabong, Head of the Programme Implementation and Coordination Directorate of the NEPAD Agency. Nicholas Watts, Mr Vassen Kauppaymuthoo, Director of Kalipso, a Mauritian environmental NGO, and Ms Homera Cheema spoke of the lessons to be drawn from their experience of the Commonwealth Fisheries Programme. The audience included Janet Strachan from the Commonwealth Secretariat, Ronald Jumeau, Ambassador for Climate Change and Small Island Developing States Issues, Seychelles, and representatives from the Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency, Conservation International, the Prince’s International Sustainability Unit, Duke, Yale, Guelph and Columbia universities, the Pacific Institute of Public Policy, the Centre for International Research on Environment and Development (CIRED), France, the Zoological Society of London, the Marshall Islands, Petrobras, Marinewatch International, Unisanta, Brazil, and the Angola Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries (MINADERP). Ambassador Ronald Jumeau made a substantial input from the floor. The meeting agreed to support the launch of COMFISH, a “coalition for a commonwealth of sustainable oceans and fisheries”.

The development of links between Brazil and the Portuguese speaking countries of Africa (including Mozambique) was initiated, as was the potential for engagement with NEPAD’s Partnership for African Fisheries. The main theme of the side event was enhancement of the role of universities in contributing to fisheries policy, particularly in Africa, and the potential of the Commonwealth as an intermediate institution in international fisheries and oceans policy.

While the overall view was that Rio+20 had been disappointing, oceans and fisheries had been something of an exception, having a higher profile than 20 years previously, and a strong presence of key actors, agencies and partnerships.

b. 18th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers 28-31 August 2012, Pailles, Mauritius

Mark Robinson reports:
Mark Robinson represented CHEC at this meeting in Mauritius, together with Professor Michael Crossley from Bristol University. Mark organised the Commonwealth Consortium for Education (CCfE) stand in the exhibition centre and all members who wanted were able to display their literature. In that context, CHEC’s publications were prominent and caused considerable interest, especially the journals and “Fisheries Our Common Wealth”.

CHEC’s new pull up was also commented on, not just because it was colourful but because it gave a brief but clear description of what Human Ecology
stands for, something many delegates said they had always been searching for!

The theme was “Education in the Commonwealth: Bridging the Gap as we accelerate towards achieving internationally agreed goals”. Delegations from 39 Commonwealth Countries attended. There were four parallel forums, namely Stakeholders, Teachers, Post-Secondary/Higher Education, and Youth. The Prime Minister of St. Lucia, The Hon. Kenny D. Anthony gave an excellent keynote opening address on the theme: “Not money but education – valuing human development in the face of financial crisis”. In this stirring speech he cited a fellow St. Lucian, the Nobel Laureate economist, Sir Arthur Lewis, who once commented “The fundamental cure of poverty is not money, but education” words that seem to lie at the heart of CHEC’s work in promoting Human Ecology.

Like most Commonwealth meetings of this nature opportunities for networking were widespread, with ministers, senior officials, international and local delegates all rubbing shoulders. The conference illustrated the value that Zena Daysh always saw in being present at such meetings.

c. World Urban Forum, Naples

Three CHEC Board members participated in the WUF 6, held in Naples in September 2012. Narelle Townsend organised a Global Housing presentation, and Jane Samuels conducted a session on urban youth engagement and employment. Nicholas Watts also attended the meeting and parallel presentations.

d. Eco Summit, Ohio, USA, October 2012

Ian Douglas reports:

At the 2010 Commonwealth Forestry Conference in Edinburgh CHEC organised, with the support of the Commonwealth Foundation, a pioneering meeting of tropical rain forest field station managers to share experiences.

The meeting recognised that although international scientists make frequent visits and some spend long periods in residence, the local managers and their staff are essential in the success of long-term research. Yet few of the local managers and scientific support staff of these stations have the opportunity to learn from each other’s experience. It was recommended that follow-up meetings should be organised to continue the interchange between field station managers from different tropical regions.

Tropical rain forests play a major role in the earth’s climate system, are crucial for terrestrial biodiversity, provide key ecosystem services and supply major natural resources. Countries in the tropics have a long tradition of having field stations that are bases for education, research and long-term environmental monitoring in rain forests. Field stations can influence commercial forestry practices, promoting reduced impact logging, encouraging sustainable timber production and the use of non-timber products.

At the invitation of the organisers of the 2012 EcoSummit, CHEC organised a symposium entitled “Tropical rain forest field stations and long-term ecological research” which was held on Monday 1 October. The workshop examined successful long-term rain forest research and how good practice can be better shared among existing scientists and managers. It assessed both research outcomes and field station management issues and identified new research challenges. Over the two sessions some 60 people participated in the symposium, with representatives from all parts of the world. Many people from the Americas were present not only as keynote speakers but also graduate students and field workers who asked penetrating questions and quoted from their own experiences.

For the Commonwealth participants, it was excellent to have Waidi Sinun, Isabella Bovolo, and Chris Minty who had all participated in the Edinburgh workshop present. Unfortunately, due to difficulties in Uganda, Jerry Lwanga was again unable to be present. All speakers expressed the hope that he might be assisted to attend some future event on tropical forest field stations.

Everyone participating in the meeting was delighted when Waidi Sinun announced he was planning a conference in tropical field forest field stations in Sabah, Malaysia as a follow up of both the CHEC Edinburgh Workshop and the CHEC Symposium at the EcoSummit, hopefully to be held in the second half of September 2013.

e. SHE XIX Conference Canberra

Eva Ekehorn reports:

CHEC sponsored SHE XIX Conference which was held in early February 2013 in Canberra at the Fenner School, Australia National University, on “Decisions that Work: Linking Sustainability, Environmental Responsibility and Human Well-
being”. This was held jointly with the IV International Conference on Sustainability Science in Asia. Ian Douglas, Donnell Davis and Eva Ekehorn attended.

The conference focused on the fact that the world is facing problems of a high degree of complexity. Information is fragmented; science is getting so specialised that it can be hard to understand and thus not taken in, especially around serious threats like climate change. To quote TS Eliot and the South China Morning Post: “Where is the wisdom we lost in knowledge; where is the knowledge we lost in information; where is the information we lost in trivia?” Complexities have to be explained, and made reasonable; links between individual behaviour to consequences far away have to be understood. Thus the major message from the conference was that the world needs “more trained human ecologists!”

Some 240 delegates from all over the world, but mostly Australia and Asia (Japan especially) attended the conference. Many delegates were academics, but as is usual in SHE Conferences, the private sector and civil society NGOs provided many active participants. The first plenary session revealed that a fifth of the participants had a university education in human ecology; while another fifth had very similar training. Students were invited to submit their papers in advance in order to become candidates for the Richard Borden Student Award, which was first awarded at the Manchester Conference.

The Conference was held at the Fenner School of Environment & Society. This School is unique in Australia and it is one of the few places in the world where economists and hydrologists, historians and ecologists, foresters, geographers and climatologists work together on the big environmental problems facing contemporary society. Major environmental issues such as water, energy, drought, climate change, urbanisation, fires and biodiversity loss, have never been so prominent in Australia and internationally as they are now. Addressing these issues demands an approach that cuts across the traditional disciplinary divides between the humanities, the social sciences and the natural sciences. The Fenner School provides that bridge.

“Where is the wisdom we lost in knowledge; where is the knowledge we lost in information; where is the information we lost in trivia?”

f. Others: Consultations with the Commonwealth Secretariat, Foundation, BOND and ECOSOC.

Mark Robinson held a very constructive meeting with Rezah M. Bedal who heads the Mauritius Oceanic Institute. This institute is growing in size and is involved in pearl oyster culture and coral restoration. Partnership potential might well be possible if CHEC is able to develop its Fisheries and Nutrition project. Details of this and the African Monitoring of the Environment for Sustainable development (AMSED) are contained in his report.

CHEC has attended Civil Society Consultations organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat and Foundation, has actively pursued its membership of BOND and thanks to Narelle Townsend’s persistent work has made continued use of its status with the UN ECOSOC.

4. Publications

CHEC Points no. 37 was published in June 2012, reporting from a workshop on Climate Change, held in Jaipur, India, under the leadership of Prof H.S. Sharma.

5. ComHabitat

The Commonwealth Consultative Group on Human Settlements (CCGHS) and its management arm, ComHabitat, have met with contradictions and attempted closure in the context of the proposed new strategic plan for the Commonwealth Secretariat.

ComHabitat meetings were held in July and October 2012 with Secretariat and Foundation representatives. These meetings were suggestive only. Both the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Foundation appeared to stall any implementation of the ComHabitat Agenda pending adoption of their new strategic plans. Unlike at previous UN Habitat Governing Council Meetings, there was no CCGHS Ministers’ Meeting in Nairobi in 2013 as earlier planned.

In the initial draft Secretariat Strategic Plan for 2012-2016 the Secretary-General proposed that twelve of the current activities of the Secretariat should be handled outside the Secretariat main stream. These included education, health and women but these have now been restored to the plan, but human settlements remained outside the plan when it was formally adopted in May 2013.
Some funding issues remain unresolved so the plan has still to be formally distributed.

A joint committee on Human Settlements consisting of representatives of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum, the Commonwealth Association of Planners and CHEC, together with representatives from the Commonwealth Secretariat and Foundation agreed that a consultative paper, to be prepared by the Commonwealth Association of Planners, would be used to discuss the way forward with a particular emphasis on forthcoming World Urban Forum activities including plans for a global Habitat (3) Conference in 2016.

CHEC contributed significantly to the first Habitat (1) Conference at Vancouver, Canada, to the 1996 Habitat (2) in Istanbul, and to each of the subsequent UNGA Special Sessions and the World Urban Forums. Habitat (3) promises to be as important as the earlier meetings. The Roadmap indicates the process for local and regional assessments and contributions to this process for Habitat (3).

The UN has plans for Habitat (3) – see the Roadmap of the Preparatory Process of the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development at the following link:
http://www.unhabitat.org/downloads/docs/12099_1_595030, pdf

In view of this fresh engagement with Commonwealth Secretariat representatives, CHEC plans to take further steps to revive ComHabitat. It is hoped to reengage partnerships with BEPIC (Built Environment Professional Institutions of the Commonwealth) involving surveyors, engineers, planners and architects that first came together with the founding of ComHabitat in 1998.

Eleanor Morris is furthering this activity by meeting with members of CASLE in July. Ian Douglas, Ripin Kalra, Michael Mutter, Jane Samuels and Mark Robinson of CHEC are all engaged on this matter.

6. NEWS FROM SOME OF CHEC CHAPTERS

a. Waikato Fellowship

New Zealand born Zena Daysh was the founder of the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC). It was in recognition of her fine work at CHEC for over fifty years and many other accomplishments that the University of Waikato conferred an honorary doctorate on her in London, in 2009. Dr Daysh was a long-time advocate for sustainability and the term she used was human ecology. When Dr Zena Daysh passed away in 2011 aged 96 a generous bequest was made from her estate to fund this Fellowship in Sustainability Research. Course fees and living expenses for a student undertaking research in sustainability towards a doctoral degree at the University of Waikato in New Zealand are provided. Candidates may come from a range of academic disciplines, provided their research focuses on sustainability.

The first to receive this fellowship is Sangion Apie Tiu from Papua New Guinea. The Fellowship provides course fees and living expenses for a student undertaking research in sustainability towards a doctoral degree at the University of Waikato.

Sangion is a well-established Conservation Education Program Manager/Senior Teacher Trainer for the Research & Conservation Foundation PNG, Goroka, PNG. Sangion has a history of continuous professional development which led to her M.Sc. postgraduate thesis “Role of indigenous knowledge in biodiversity conservation: Implications for conservation education in PNG.” To build upon this work she has commenced to investigate indigenous perceptions of the relationship between traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) and western perceptions. In her words “It draws on the argument that sustainability (sustainable development) principles are imbedded in TEK and have been utilised by indigenous people over many generations to live harmoniously with their environment. These sustainability principles, if integrated into current resource management practices, will contribute to improving natural resource management of forest, mountain, dry and wet lands ecosystems…”

“In Papua New Guinea, more than 80% of people still live in villages, they have a high dependency on the environment,” she says. “What I do will contribute in the long term to my people and the country as well.”

CHEC wishes Sangion a successful fellowship.
b. Cooperation New Zealand and Australia

Norm and Pat Stannard (CHEC New Zealand) met with Donnell Davis (CHEC Australia) in Brisbane, Australia and they resolved to
1. have a professional networking site to invite their people to share information/protocols/research
2. share their respective actions of NGOs and governments for Rio +20 Summit
3. incite some action and interest for the SHE/CHEC February 2013 conference in Canberra.

The “social” professional network is to be set up through “linked in” with group status that will have to be approved before allowing the membership to protect its site.

The benefits of this are minimal management, but opportunity for maximum coverage through our own professional bodies and community governance systems. Discussion will begin in their trusted professional newsletters first.

CHEC ANZ will be registered locally
- as a business name linked to approved charity rules (in Australia because NZ is under review) for education and environmental purposes
- linked to CHEC international in UK.
This is an exciting development and it will take time for it to realise its full potential, especially given the regional opportunities it will allow for work with other Commonwealth countries within the Pacific.

c. CHEC India

Every year since 2008, the Indian Human Ecology Council (CHEC-India) has organised a national seminar to celebrate World Environment Day (June 5th). Ian Douglas was invited by Professor H.S. Sharma, President, CHEC-India and a former Dean of Science, University of Rajasthan, to deliver the Opening Address at the 2012 seminar. Professor Sharma had invited a wide range of senior academics from a broad spectrum of disciplines, from sociology to medicine, the sciences, engineering, and particularly from geography to speak at the seminar.

Collectively they brought innovative and insightful perspectives on the theme “Climate Change and the Green Economy with reference to India”. The presentation and discussions explored the nature of climate change in India, the potential and characteristics of the green economy and the human dimensions of environmental problems. There was a vigorous discussion about reducing the growth of human population, a controversial topic that seldom features at the forefront of environmental debates.

More about this conference can be found in CHEC Points 37, published June 2012.

d. CHEC Kenya

Norbert Sangura reports that he attended the UN Habitat 24th Governing Council at United Nations Offices in Gigiri, Nairobi Kenya, 15 – 19th April 2013 representing CHEC Kenya.

The theme was “TIME TO THINK URBAN”. The meeting was successful but he missed other CHEC representatives. The Civil Society participation was very low as most of Habitat agenda partners did not turn up in the consultative forums. Only a few CSOs from Kenya, Japan, Tanzania, Nigeria, Uganda and Cameroon attended.

Norbert had an opportunity to participate in several meetings such as a renewed global partnership for development, post 2015 UN Development Agenda; agenda for African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (AMCHUD); Global Housing strategy; and environmentally sustainable transport forum for Africa.

e. CHEC New Zealand

RIO+20 CHEC NZ & Oceania were represented at the joint NGOs and Government workshop and subsequent contributions in the preparation of the international development NGO’s NZ platform. It is of concern that the outcomes of RIO + 20 do not reflect global actions to manage the rapidly rising impacts of sea level rise and increasing extreme climatic incidents upon the small island states of the South Pacific. In addition their local food, water and energy sources are under threat or lost.

For example the islands’ traditional sea food resources are being lost through overseas developed countries’ non sustainable practices. Coastal communities’ knowledge has ensured that their fisheries have existed and fed their communities for centuries. However, today that local ownership has largely been taken away by corporates, with fishing practices that are damaging the sea food’s habitat and over abstraction of the resource. The region’s
indigenous coastal communities, traditionally dependent upon their local fisheries for food, are seriously concerned and this includes NZ communities. Appreciation of the CHEC Fisheries programme is being expressed and NZ community linkages are being explored. The completion of this CHEC Programme, coupled with positive Commonwealth led outcomes, is essential for such coastal communities.

CHEC associates continue to work with OXFAM Water for Survival (linked to Water Aid), Engineers for Social Responsibility NZ, and the Royal Society in addition to maintaining linkages with NZ International Development NGOs.

We report positive progress in the establishment of the NZ Wetland Trust plus support in the ever growing Miranda Shore Birds Centre for which our long serving CHEC Member Dr. Keith Thompson maintains his sterling commitment. It is notable that the NZ to Alaska flyways for several species are threatened by developments in the Korean and Chinese estuarial feeding grounds. To create awareness of the concerns the Trust has a successful history in building and sustaining diplomatic links. These grounds are also the spawning and maturing sites for coastal fisheries which are a consideration for inclusion in the CHEC fisheries programme. The Miranda Trust diplomatic model is worthy of utilisation in like globally threatened coastal fisheries areas.

2013 CHEC NZ & Oceania Annual Lecture by Bernd Gundermann “The Cities Challenge of Our Times. Adaptive Urbanism, Resistance to Resilience”. Dr. Gundermann was Vice President of the German Architects Institute for 10 years, and is noted for his research and projects resulting from sea water warming and allied increase in violent weather patterns. The lecture was sponsored by the Waikato Regional Council and Hamilton City Council and held in the Mayor’s Reception Lounge at Hamilton City Council.

Bernd’s message is that for the preservation of humanity our generation must accept that we are beyond the climate debate: the challenge to globally embrace is to “overcome resistance to change and take the positive stage of building resilience into our cities.” He provided examples where nations have taken up the challenge with positive results for their people and their living environment coupled with the prevention of major losses of life. Local professional engineer and ESRNZ member, Hugh MacMurray, well known internationally for his consultancy’s expertise in modelling water flows in cities, flood plains, rivers, coastal environments and industry processes, provided examples of rapidly developing risks to Waikato communities and regional infrastructure that require the utilisation of the resilience building designs that Bernd has developed overseas and is currently initiating in Auckland. Positive contributions from audience ensued with requests for active follow up to put Bernd’s message into practice, led by Local Government.

f. CHEC Nigeria

CHEC is involved in programmes regarding concern for human conditions in prisons, violence against women, family courts addressing marital issues and other areas aimed to ensure speedier justice delivery. CHEC is represented on the NGO Committee, which has been working since 2008. The committee has published Nigerian Prisons Standing Orders Revised Edition 2011, through the Federal Republic of Nigeria Official Gazette 122 Vol.98 Lagos 31 December 2011. The Standing Orders are the hand book for prisons administration and work is in progress regarding Police Standing Orders.

Levi Oguike, CHEC’s Hon President and leader of CHEC Nigeria has retained his membership of the Federal Justice Sector Reform Coordinating Committee (FJSRCC) under the Office of the Hon Attorney General of the Federation, Federal Ministry of Justice. The Committee is charged with looking at Criminal Justice Sector Reform to bring about better conditions for those awaiting trial and held beyond the statutory sentence for such crimes should they be convicted. Levi served as the Sub-Committee Chairman that crafted the 2013 work plan and the Committee has since submitted its report. This important work is being supported by Justice for All, aided by DFID. CHEC’s Honorary President is to be congratulated on his work in this important sphere and CHEC- Nigeria’s work has been recognised in the proceedings, which are largely dominated by lawyers.

7. CHEC MEMBERS

CHEC wishes to thank all our loyal members who provide CHEC with much needed support. For details on how to become a member of CHEC contact CHEC’s office at

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8. CHEC HEADQUARTERS

Too soon after CHEC had established its new headquarters at the Diary House in Earls Court we were told that our lease would expire at the end of March 2013 due to area redevelopment. CHEC was able to collaborate with other occupants and quickly sign up for a new office at Hurlingham Studios in Fulham, close to Putney Bridge tube station. The new office is slightly smaller, but with a more functional layout, and as most of the hard work on sorting the archives had been done when moving out of Church House, this move was efficiently organised by Mark Robinson and Yahya al-Witri. CHEC is very appreciative of the trouble free way they undertook this work with help from John Bonham.

9. GOVERNANCE

CHEC is a registered charity with a Governing Board accountable to the Charity Commission. It is also a Company Limited by Guarantee. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, as well as a Governance Document. A member of the Governing Board is designated as CHEC’s Governance Officer.

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1. DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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| Project expenditure        | 10,068   | 13,229   |
| Project consultancy        | -        | 2,133    |
| **Total**                  | 10,068   | 15,362   |
| Governance costs           |          |          |
| Wages                      | 11,419   | 11,181   |
| Accountancy                | 546      | 580      |
| Auditors’ remuneration     | 1,992    | 1,980    |
| **Total**                  | 13,975   | 13,741   |
| Support costs              |          |          |
| Management                 |          |          |
| Trustees’ expenses         | 7,958    | 407      |
| Rent, rates & insurance    | 10,200   | 7,691    |
| Postage, telephone & fax   | 474      | 666      |
| Printing, publications & stationary | 933  | 3,017    |
| Sundry expenses            | 1,307    | 53       |
| Travel, conferences & admin| 3,155    | 2,120    |
| Removal costs              | 397      | 1,667    |
| IT Consultancy             | 1,375    | -        |
| Fixtures and fittings      | 550      | 388      |
| Bank interest & charges    | 128      | 111      |
| **Total**                  | 26,477   | 16,120   |
| **Total resources expended** | 50,520   | 45,223   |
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