

Iraq Programme UK Steering Committee – updated 21/1/10

Mrs Anne Lonsdale MA, CBE, CARA Honorary Secretary has been President of New Hall, Cambridge University since 1996. She was Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University from 1998 – 2003 and is now Deputy Vice-Chancellor. She studied Classics and Chinese Language and Literature at Oxford and later taught Chinese Literature at the same university. She became a university administrator at Oxford and then the Secretary-General of the Central European University in Budapest, Prague and Warsaw and has particular interests in environmental issues and in Higher Education worldwide with university experience in Europe, America, China, Africa and the Middle East.

Mr David Ure retired from Reuters Group in 2004, but continues to represent the company on the Independent Television News board. He also chaired the Reuters Foundation, the Group's charitable arm. He was non-executive Director of Woolwich Plc (1998-2000), a role he has also held on the Blackwell Publishing Ltd Board since January 2004. In October 2004, he became Chairman of Iris Financial Solutions, and has recently retired as a non-executive Director of Blackwell Publishing, Independent Television News (ITN) and Neteconomy, a Dutch company owned by Cazenove Private Equity.

Alan McCarthy is Professor of Microbiology at the University of Liverpool, which he joined as a lecturer in 1985. He is also Chairman of the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences Admissions and Widening Participation Committee and Director of the Molecular Microbiology research group. He holds a number of external examining, editorial board and research peer review panel appointments in the UK and Europe. Professor McCarthy became Chair of CARA's Grant allocation Committee in August 2008.

Dr Jawad Al-Hashemi is Founder and Secretary General of the Iraqi Centre for Transparency & Anti-Corruption (ICTAC). He was Director of the Health Development Organization in Kurdistan and adviser to the Middle East and North Africa region of the Transparency Coalition. In recent years, Dr Al-Hashemi has undertaken a number of surveys in Iraq related to Corruption and Anti-Corruption measures for internationally renowned bodies such as UNDP and USAID. He has also held several workshops in Iraq and beyond, focusing on local government, elections and the role of women in local government. In 2004, Dr Al-Hashemi stood as a candidate as MP for the first post-2003 Parliamentary Election in Iraq. In 2008, he was awarded a Fellowship at the Centre for Applied Human Rights at the University of York.

Dr Ali Kubba MB ChB FRCOG FFSRH has worked in the field of Reproductive and Sexual Health for the past 25 years. He serves as Consultant Community Gynaecologist and Honorary Senior Lecturer in the GKT Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital, London, UK. Dr Kubba is also Honorary Professor at Basra School of Medicine, Iraq, and past Chairman of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists' Iraqi Liaison Group. He is the Chair of the UK inter-collegiate Iraq Liaison Group, an executive member of the International Forum of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, Member of the foundation expert group of the Arab Institute of Clinical excellence, and Member of the executive council of the British Arab Medical Association. He is Chairman of the KF Iraq Foundation, a UK based charity for Iraq. He has published around 100 research and review papers, and lectures widely in the UK, Europe and internationally. His main interests are cervical screening, colposcopy, contraceptive technology, menopause, PMS, and medical gynaecology.

Dr Sattar Az-Zubaydi, CARA Research Fellow at the School of Metallurgy and Materials, University of Birmingham, is on sabbatical leave from the College of Engineering, University of Baghdad where he teaches Science of Materials. He was Researcher and group leader in the Iraqi Atomic Energy Commission (IAEC) from 1978 to 1988. Dr. Az-Zubaydi also worked as Associate Professor at the College of Engineering, University of the Seventh of April, Libya, from 1999-2001.