

21 September 2016

**The Association
of Commonwealth
Universities**

Secretary General
Professor John Wood CBE FREng

Woburn House
20-24 Tavistock Square
London WC1H 9HF
United Kingdom
Telephone +44 (0)20 7380 6700
Facsimile +44 (0)20 7387 2655
info@acu.ac.uk
www.acu.ac.uk

Professor Virendra Sharma
Vice-Chancellor
Bhagwant University
Sikar Road
Ajmer-305004
Rajasthan
India

Dear Professor Sharma,

Bhagwant University — ACU Membership payment received

We are delighted to welcome Bhagwant University as a member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities. The ACU provides many opportunities for our member institutions to get involved in academic research and leadership on issues in the sector, as well as encourages the sharing of good practice – helping universities serves their communities, now and into future. Below is a roundup of some of our current opportunities.

- **ACU Member Communities** connect colleagues working in three key areas of university activity: Engagement; Research, Knowledge and Information; and Internationalisation. These special interest groups bring university staff across the Commonwealth together to share their experiences, explore new approaches, and forge new partnerships – and are free to join for all staff and students at ACU member institutions.
- **ACU Measures**, the ACU's annual online benchmarking exercise for university management, is open for data collection from 1st February each year for four months and the data is available for benchmarking each July. ACU Measures is a unique opportunity for member institutions to benchmark their performance in key areas of university management in a confidential and non-competitive way, supporting senior university management in decision-making and strategic planning.
- The **ACU Strategic Management Programme** offers a unique opportunity for participating universities to compare their key management processes with a range of universities. This evaluative process helps identify areas for change, assists in setting targets for improvement, and identifies a range of actions to help achieve new goals. We are inviting applications to take part in the 2017 Programme which will be hosted by North-West University, South Africa, from 28-30 August 2017.
- The seventh **ACU Human Resource Management Network Conference** will take place in Mauritius from 16-19 October 2016, providing a unique opportunity for HR professionals from around the world to discuss issues specifically relating to HR in higher education. Focussing on the theme of 'HR steps up', reflecting the need for HR practitioners to think of HR outside of its traditional role and more as a key resource in facilitating the achievement of an institution's organisational goals.
- The **ACU Gender Programme** offers grants to help member universities to meet the costs of organising workshops promoting gender equity in higher education. The grants, of up to GBP 1,000, are awarded annually and on a competitive basis. The current round of grants is open for applications until 21 October 2016. Please visit our website to apply.

Founded 1913

Patron: Her Majesty The Queen, Head of the Commonwealth

Registered charity number 314137 VAT Registration No. 233 9567 42

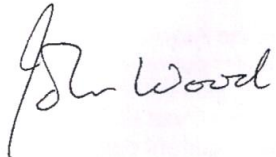
Please find enclosed a copy of our membership publication, the Bulletin. This magazine is sent to our members quarterly – a copy to the Executive Head and several copies to the library for further distribution. We are always looking for contribution to the magazine from our members highlighting key issues, good practice and exceptional achievement throughout the Commonwealth.

I also enclose two copies of the book 'Universities for a New World: Making a Global Network in International Higher Education, 1913-2013', which you may find of interest. Published to coincide with our centenary year, it explores the rise and relevance of the Association of Commonwealth Universities as the world's oldest international network of universities. Please pass a copy to your Library and please do let us know if you would like more copies

Your membership of the ACU encourages you to get involved and take ownership of its direction. It is through this engagement (and with our key stakeholders) that shapes the transformational nature of higher education: its power and potential to contribute to the cultural, economic, and social development of a nation. Thank you for joining us on this journey.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Wood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Professor John Wood CBE, FREng
Secretary General

Cc: Dr Ranjeev Singh, Exam Controller
Dr Rajesh Katare, Dean (Administration)
Er Dharmendra Dubey, Dean (Students)
Dr Poornima Srivastav, Dean (Research)