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Subject: [Bzs-info-l] New Chair of BZS

Dear BZS member,

The new Chair of the Britain Zimbabwe Society (BZS) is Millius Palayiwa. He was elected unanimously at the recent AGM to succeed Kathy Mansfield Higgins, who has stepped down as Chair after three years in the post. She will continue as an Executive member.

Millius has been a member of the Society from its early days, has been on the Executive Committee since the late 80s and was Vice-Chair for most of the time.

A lawyer by background he was educated at the Universities of Oxford (Oriel College) (MA, Law), Inns of Court School of Law (Bar Finals), Cardiff (LLM in Canon Law), London (King's College) (BD - divinity) and the University of Rhodesia (as it then was!) (BA - history).

He has just retired from the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal (SDT) where he sat for over 20 years and was Vice-President of that Court.

He has worked as a Chief Officer and Advisor in a large London Borough (Lambeth), then with International Alert, in international conflict resolution, peace-making and post conflict peacebuilding. In this regard he facilitated the talks between the Government of Sierra Leone and the rebel movement, the Revolutionary United Front of Sierra Leone (RUF/SL) that culminated with the signing of the Abidjan Peace Accord on 30 November 1996.

After that he became the International Relations Secretary for Quaker Peace & Service, managing two offices, one in London and the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) in Geneva, working with

‘decision makers and policy shapers’ to address issues of peace making and peace building in areas affected by armed conflict; addressing the systemic causes of violence at a global level; and trying to create a culture of peace with justice based on nonviolent change.

For eight years, he was the Registrar at Christ Church, Oxford from where he moved to become the Director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, a ‘non-violent’ conflict resolution organisation founded in 1914.

As part of his conflict resolution and peace making role he has travelled extensively throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, USA, Canada, Central America and the Middle East.

Millius was born in Plumtree, 63 miles south west of Bulawayo. He lives in Oxford and is married with two daughters, Mandipa and Thembeke.