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### **New prize from Routledge commemorates former editor of '*The Round Table*'**

Routledge has donated to Britain's oldest international affairs journal, ***The Round Table***, an annual prize in memory of Peter Lyon, the journal's editor from 1983 to 2004. The £1,000 award will be for the best article relating to policy and the contemporary Commonwealth that the journal has published during the previous calendar year.

The first award of the 'Peter Lyon Memorial Prize' will be made in early 2012. All articles appearing in ***The Round Table*** during 2011 that contain a significant emphasis on policy and the Commonwealth will automatically become entrants for the prize. The journal's editor will select the winner, in consultation with Routledge and the journal's editorial and international advisory boards.

Peter Lyon (1934-2010) was a leading expert on the Commonwealth and bridged the divide between academia and policy-making. He was Reader in International Relations at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the University of London and, while editor of ***The Round Table***, wrote almost 100 editorials and articles for the journal about issues affecting the Commonwealth.

Kamalesh Sharma, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, paid tribute to Peter Lyon as an integral part of the Commonwealth family, whose "knowledge of the Commonwealth on five continents was second to none".

Sir Shridath Ramphal, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth from 1975 to 1990, said: "Peter Lyon's unique blend of academia and the real world was dedicated to the service of the Commonwealth..... The whole Commonwealth is in his debt for his superlative work at ***The Round Table***..... His contributions are immense and imperishable. Memorialised, they will help to inspire the Commonwealth to fulfilment of the great goals he saw for it."

Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth from 1990 to 2000, said: “Peter Lyon will long be remembered for his sustained intellectual contribution to the evolution of the Commonwealth. He has left a worthy legacy, not only at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies and *The Round Table*, but also at the many forums where he often contributed to public discourse on the Commonwealth.”

Sir Don McKinnon, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth from 2000 to 2008, said: “Peter Lyon’s death is a loss for the whole Commonwealth. He was an almost unrivalled authority on Commonwealth issues and had a fine mind for its history.”

Founded in 1910, *The Round Table* provides analysis and commentary on all aspects of international affairs. The journal is a major source of coverage of policy issues concerning the contemporary Commonwealth and its role in international relations. It combines informed scholarship, opinion, and judgement, and draws its authors and readership from the worlds of government, business, finance and academe.

To submit or propose an article for publication in *The Round Table*, contact the Editor, Dr Venkat Iyer, at the School of Law, University of Ulster, Jordanstown campus, Shore Road, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim, BT37 0QB, or e-mail him at [theroundtable@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:theroundtable@hotmail.co.uk).

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Further information on *The Round Table* is available from [www.tandf.co.uk/journals/crt](http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/crt).

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