



From the President

My essential holiday reading this month includes Le Carre's *A Most Wanted Man* (powerful, gripping), the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Programme (inspiring, a real tonic), and the Care Quality Commission's *Benchmarking PCTs against Vital Signs* (powerful, gripping, inspiring, a real tonic).

No actually, like you, I will be completely letting go of all the cares and woes of public health for a couple of weeks.

As I walk through the Yorkshire Dales I will not be thinking about the next wave of swine flu – will it come back with a vengeance, will the national flu line collapse, will GPs be swamped, will hospitals run out of ventilators?

As I lie on the beach at Tynninghame, North Berwick, I will not be worrying about revalidation of public health consultants, and whether we can construct a method which will do what it has to without becoming a bureaucratic nightmare.

And as I go on stage at the Fringe* I will not be thinking about the forthcoming public sector budget freeze and the threat it will pose to health improvement programmes the length and breadth of the land.

No, I will save these anxieties (and many more) until after the summer hols. And I hope you will take a well-earned rest too. Most of us in public health have been working flat out to cope with all the demands put upon us. We need time off to reflect and recharge our batteries.

So, let's all have a good break and come bouncing back in the autumn.

Best wishes
Alan

* Declared interest: AMD is appearing in comedy with *Instant Sunshine* at the Pleasance Dome, Edinburgh, 16-22 August.

FPH news

Public health and GMC licensing

If you are medically qualified, you will have received communication from the GMC explaining that you need to make a choice between simply staying on the register or taking up a licence to practise. **This decision must be made by 14 August 2009.**

It is essential that all practising public health doctors take up a licence to practise.

The licence will cover your professional practice which is not limited to clinical activity. Without a licence to practise, public health doctors will not be able to take up a consultant post in the UK, advise local authorities on health-related matters,

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conduct or oversee clinical trials, act as a medical member on the HPA board or at NHS tribunals, sign cremation certificates or inspect premises for community care.

These are only a few examples, with a full list of 400 activities available defined by statute. Taking up your licence can be done simply and quickly online at the [GMC website](#) and FPH advises all of its practising members to do this at the earliest opportunity. Once revalidation begins you will need to be licensed to be revalidated.

Distinction and Honorary grades of membership opening imminently

The 2010 round of Distinction and Honorary grades of membership will be opening in early August with the closing date of 30 November 2009.

All Fellows are invited to nominate to submit nominations for the 2010 proposals round in the following distinction grades of membership:

- Membership through distinction
- Fellowship through distinction
- Honorary Membership
- Honorary Fellowship

This year the officers and the FPH Board have made some changes to the guidance and criteria to aid proposers in filling out the form, and to aid the Fellowship Committee in deciding the appropriate grade of membership for each of the nominees. It has, in previous years for instance, been difficult to judge international colleagues' equivalence with UK terminology.

All Fellows are encouraged to nominate colleagues from around the world with a view to welcoming them into the FPH fold. Further copies of the form and guidance notes can be downloaded from the FPH website at:

<http://tinyurl.com/kpd96x>

Nominations for new President 2010

In August, papers will be sent to all voting members to nominate candidates for the vital and prestigious post of President of FPH. Members are encouraged to consider prospective candidates and nominate eligible Fellows to take on this post which will become vacant in June 2010 when Professor Alan Maryon Davis retires from the post after his three year term.

Further information on this important role will be posted on the FPH website in mid-August. Fellows are also welcome to call Alan directly, or Paul Scourfield, Chief Executive on 020 7487 1173.

ACCEA round 2010

The ACCEA 2010 round will open in September 2010 with guidance about to be released from ACCEA. As soon as the guidance is finalised, FPH will revise its advice accordingly and an email will be sent to all Fellows. The forms for both ACCEA and FPH are little changed from last year's round.

In the meantime, if you are a consultant in England and Wales

The IVth biennial international sex and relationships education conference

7-9 September
Birmingham

The Future of the NHS

9 September
Venue: TBC

Westminster Health Forum Keynote Seminar: The Future of the NHS

9 September 2009
Venue: TBC

Health Protection Conference

14-16 September
Warwick

Mental Health: 'New Horizons'

17 September
Venue: TBC

The 2nd Injury Prevention Conference for the UK and Ireland

24 & 25 September
Cardiff

Social Marketing 2009

24 September 2009
London

Training in Health Impact Assessment

29 September to 1 October
Powys

Introductory Medical Statistics Course

8-9 October
London

1st European Congress on Environmental Pathologies

9-10 October 2009
Rouen, France

Occupational Asthma Workshop

13 October 2009
London

Annual international Health Impact Assessment conference

14-16 October
Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Water Challenges - Past, Present and Future

3 November
London

Careif 2009 International Conference on Sport, Education & Culture

11 November 2009
London

Faculty of Public Health - Scottish Annual Conference

12-13 November
Peebles, Scotland

Workshop on Lung Function Tests, Asthma and Work

20 November 2009
London

and either applied for an award in 2009 and/or are considering applying for an award – please ensure that your details are correct on ACCEA's nominal roll and please note the following dates:

- Guide to the 2010 scheme published by ACCEA – projected late July, now early August 2009
- FPH produces guidance for the 2010 scheme – August 2009
- Results of the 2009 round released – end August 2009
- ACCEA opens 2010 round – September 2009
- FPH deadline for applications for FPH support for Platinum awards – 23 October 2009
- Academy of Royal Colleges deadline for FPH submission of platinum applications – 10 November 2009
- FPH deadline for applications for FPH support – 6 November 2009
- ACCEA closing date for completed forms – 11 December 2009

Please note that this ACCEA deadline is not moveable regardless of any other movement on dates, and that FPH deadlines are designed around this

SACDA round 2010

The Scottish awards round will open on 1 October 2009, and guidance will be available by this date. As soon as the guidance is finalised, FPH will revise its advice accordingly and an email will be sent to all Fellows. FPH is told there will be some changes to the application form this year with last year's nomination citations becoming supporting statements for self-nominations.

Please note the following dates:

- SACDA deadline for CVs to be posted onto the SACDA system - 11 December 2009
- FPH deadline for application for supporting statements is pencilled as 11 December (this will be dependent on the full guidance)
- SACDA deadline for supporting statements and employer citations to be submitted will be 29 January 2010

GMC urges doctors to take advantage of new route onto the Specialist Register

On 21 July, the GMC announced it is concerned that there may be up to 1000 doctors who have yet to take advantage of the new route onto the Specialist Register.

The route is for doctors who, whilst working in the NHS or UK Armed Forces, were appointed to consultant posts prior to 1997 but are not on the Specialist Register. Currently, the GMC has granted 129 applications but there is concern that there are more doctors out there who could benefit from this route but have yet to apply.

Neil Roberts, Director of Registration and Resources said: "Not only is specialist registration necessary if a doctor wishes to take up a consultant post in the NHS, it will also mean that doctors will be able to participate in recertification when it is introduced..."

We urge these doctors who have not already done so to contact the GMC or visit the website at <http://tinyurl.com/m7f8be>

**2009 Public Health
Healthcare Conference**
26 November 2009
Birmingham

**Devolution and Divergence:
Health and Social Care in the
UK**
30 November 2009
Cardiff

Epidemiology crash course
12 December 2009
Edinburgh

**Women's Health 2010: The
18th Annual Congress**
March 26-28, 2010
Washington, DC, USA

[For more information please visit
the FPH events website](#)

FPH Accreditation Working Group

The FPH is assembling a new working group to explore moving into an exciting new area of business as part of its continued dedication to its core aims and objectives.

The new Accreditation Working Group (AWG) group will work within the existing FPH committee structure and will explore a possible role for FPH in accreditation of educational and training events, courses, products and modules, in addition to developing new areas within this work stream.

This promises to be an exciting opportunity to contribute to the work of FPH and will be closely linked to other groups such as the International Committee, Education Committee and Public Health Knowledge and Standards Committee.

We are keen to hear from members including both current and retired fellows who are interested in working with this group. We are particularly keen to hear from members and fellows with experience in accreditation.

If you are interested, please contact educ@fph.org.uk quoting "E&T Accreditation" in the subject.

HIFA 2015: A global campaign: Healthcare Information for All by 2015

Universal access to information for healthcare professionals in developing countries is a key public health challenge to achieving the millennium development goals and health for all. The FPH is supporting the global campaign to improve access – Healthcare Information for All (HIFA) by 2015. HIFA's goal is that, by 2015, every person worldwide will have access to an informed healthcare provider.

To find out more visit: <http://www.hifa2015.org>

Sir George Godber FFPH

A celebration of the life and work of Sir George Godber, who died in February aged 100, will be held at the Royal College of Physicians (London) at 5.00 pm on Monday 9 November 2009. Sir George, a founder member of the Faculty, was closely involved in the establishment of the NHS and served as Chief Medical Officer from 1960 to 1973.

Further details from the RCP - <http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk>

Contributions to the Part II and Part B MFPH Examinations

We were very sorry to hear of Professor Brian McCloskey's decision to relinquish his role as a Part B MFPH Examiner.

On behalf of FPH we would like to personally thank him for the tremendous and exceptional contribution he has made over many years to our education, training and examinations functions. This has included chairmanship of the Part II examination for nine years and effective liaison with Hong Kong in developing a shared Part II examination.

We would like to warmly thank him for all his help and support which we very much appreciate.

Sustainability and health event

Helen Ross was recently awarded Honorary Membership of the FPH, partly in recognition of a decade of commitment to sustainable development in Nottinghamshire. A celebration of sustainability and health was held on 9 July at the Attenborough Nature Centre, hosted by Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.

Helen Ross and Chris Packham, Director of Public Health, NHS Nottingham, and described the successes of local work on sustainable development and health, which was built on outstanding partnership linking.

Jenny Griffiths FFPH spoke on the links between sustainable development, climate change and health, and the work of the FPH, including the guide *Sustaining a Healthy Future: Taking Action on Climate Change*. The guide is available to download from <http://tinyurl.com/mcnnxq>

Public health news

Assessors recruitment

The UK Public Health Register is looking to expand its team of assessors, from both medical backgrounds and from disciplines other than medicine, to assist with its varied workload during the coming year. Assessment of applicants' portfolios is the key part of the regulatory process, is interesting and rewarding, and furthers multi disciplinary public health.

Candidates should have appropriate qualifications and extensive experience of public health at a senior level in service, managerial or academic areas. For those who are members or fellows of FPH, experience of examining candidates for the FPH Part B exam, and/or experience as an educational supervisor/trainer for trainees on regional training programmes are desirable. Professional recognition with an appropriate professional regulatory body at a national level is a requirement.

For more information visit <http://tinyurl.com/cnm8u8> or contact register@cieh.org

Quality Improvement Fellowships

Do you know of a clinically qualified NHS leader with a proven track record in quality improvement? Do they have the potential to drive change and promote quality at a high level?

The Health Foundation's Quality Improvement Fellowships are now open for applications. Fellows will have an opportunity to spend a year in the USA working with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, studying the best international practice in quality improvement.

Visit www.health.org.uk/qif or email awards@health.org.uk to find out more.

Slum Doctor Project – Volunteers needed to work in Indian diabetes clinic

Doctors and nurses are being sought to help run a diabetes clinic for five days in a poverty-stricken part of India. The volunteers will be part of a team called the 'Slum Doctor Project' providing life-saving treatment to a community in the Punjab during the trip scheduled for March next year.

The next trip is will leave on 21 March 2010. Any volunteers would need to raise money to pay for their own flights and accommodation. Interested parties can email vijaybangar@hotmail.com or trcc@novonordisk.com.

Consultation closes soon

Consultation on the first phase of the *Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England Post 2010* (Marmot Review) closes this Wednesday.

For more information please visit <http://tinyurl.com/m4cbch>

Health Profiles for England 2009 launched

Now in their fourth year, *Health Profiles* provide a snapshot of key health indicators in each council area in England, enabling comparison locally, regionally and over time. The Health Profiles are compiled by the Association of Public Health Observatories to help local councils and the NHS decide where to target action and resources in their area.

The profiles can be accessed through www.healthprofiles.org.uk

Baroness Julia Cumberlege becomes patron of Centre for Maternal and Child Enquiries (CMACE)

Baroness Julia Cumberlege has a long and distinguished record of public service in healthcare. In 1992 she was appointed a junior health minister and for five years covered all health and social services matters in the House of Lords.

For further information visit www.cmace.org.uk/

Health Protection 2009 conference – programme announced

The HPA has announced an innovative and wide-ranging programme for the Health Protection 2009 conference, taking place at Warwick University from 14 to 16 September.

The conference programme focuses on the three key areas of the HPA's work - preventing and controlling infectious diseases, protecting against radiation, chemical and environmental hazards; and preparing for potential and emerging threats to health. It features expert contributions from a number of public and private sector organisations involved in public health work.

For more information visit www.healthprotectionconference.org.uk

NHS Evidence

NHS Evidence is a web portal providing free access to best practice, clinical and non-clinical information. It has developed an accreditation process to help users recognise the most trusted sources of guidance, which includes clinical guidelines, clinical summaries and best practice statements.

The portal supports a range of activities designed to encourage a change in practice. Significant new evidence is highlighted on a monthly basis in an electronic bulletin, and annually through annual evidence updates in key topic areas. This work is supported by 34 specialist collections which make up NHS Evidence Health Information Resources. The purpose of the collections is to filter the huge quantity of published research, identify relevant sources of information and review new publications.

For more information visit www.evidence.nhs.uk

Real-time monitoring of flu in the UK

A large internet-based survey, aiming to track the spread of influenza, is recruiting healthy volunteers. It will provide valuable data in real-time to inform government policy-making, including through real-time mathematical modelling that is being done at the Health Protection Agency and Imperial college London.

To sign-up to the survey go to www.flusurvey.org.uk

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