



From the President

Everyone knows Scotland has a massive drink problem. The Scottish Alcohol Bill, introduced by Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon last week, is the UK's first attempt to tackle heavy bingeing through minimum pricing.

Based on good evidence linking price to consumption, particularly for young people, it will put a stop to all those supermarket specials offering strong drink at pocket-money prices without clobbering the moderately drinking majority.

It's a proportionate approach that could show the way for the rest of the UK. But sadly the Bill looks set for a rocky ride at Holyrood with all three main opposition parties determined to derail it for their various reasons, including concern over its impact on the Scottish whisky trade. What a surprise..

FPH has strongly backed minimum pricing and we very much hope that the Bill will be given a decent airing – if only for the sake of Scotland's health – a laudable cause one would have thought.

As for climate change, all eyes are on Copenhagen. Here the prospects of sensible decisions have suddenly improved with big carbon-emitters like Brazil, China and the US at last putting their 'numbers' on the table.

Again FPH has been actively lobbying along with the Climate and Health Council, trying to ensure health is at the centre of the debate – especially the health of the poorest peoples.

Fingers crossed a set of binding commitments comes out of Copenhagen – if only for the sake of the developing world's health.

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Alan Maryon-Davis

FPH news

Let's us know what you think the big challenge for the UK's public health will be and help us prepare for the UK FPH 2010 annual conference.

The theme for the conference will be The Next Decade: What is the Future of Public Health? And will debate issues such as the economy, the challenges for the new government and the effectiveness of health protection campaigns.

So do keep the 7 July 2010, in your diary. The conference will be held in London possibly for the first time ever.

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Public Health National Recruitment

Recruitment into Public Health Specialty training will open on Friday 4 December 2009.

Further information can be found at www.fph.org.uk/careers

ph.com survey

As part of our continuous effort to improve FPH communications, we are conducting a survey to gain information about the newsletter *ph.com*.

[Please follow this link to take part in the survey.](#)

FPH in the news

Smoking mums have problem kids
BBC News Online

FPH Scottish Conference votes for minimum pricing for alcohol
BBC News Online
Scotland on Sunday
The Daily Record
The Scotsman
Press Association
Paisley Daily Express
Medical News Today
BBC Six O'clock News Scotland
BBC Radio News

Alcohol pricing debate
The Scotsman
Drugs Review

Professor Alan Maryon-Davis says: "We're very excited about the new-style one-day conference in London. With a new government to influence, we're lining up top-flight speakers on a range of hot public health topics. We'll have parallel sessions on key training developments and workforce issues. And various satellite events to add zest to what will, I'm sure, be a highpoint in the PH calendar. So make sure to put the date in your diary, underlined three times!"

In this general election year, we felt the UK's capital city would give us the right location for a major conference discussing the whole gamut of public health issues. Leaders in public health and public life will be asked to debate the big public health questions – from where cash in public health should be spent to tackling public attitudes, from public health policies targeting all times of life from childhood right through to old age. And then there will be time for some hearty Q&A sessions with the audience.

The UK FPH conference will be held at Imperial College, London, one of the UK's leading universities, with its many historic links to scientific breakthroughs. We hope to attract more high-profile speakers than ever before and add more interactivity, with live blogging and Twitter feeds, from the conference.

Let us know what you think the big question for the next decade in public health is, by [emailing events@fph.org.uk](mailto:events@fph.org.uk) marking your email "the big question". The closing date for submissions is 21 December.

[Look out for the new conference website at fphconference.org](http://fphconference.org)

Elections



Ballot papers have now landed for the election of President and Vice-Presidents. Please return your ballot papers to Electoral Reform Services by the deadline of 22 January 2010.

If you have not received ballot papers please email Laura Webb, Head of Professional Affairs at laurawebb@fph.org.uk

The Wave Health Event

'Climate change is the biggest global health threat of the 21st century' (*The Lancet* 2009).

Join the Campaign for Greener Healthcare and others for the UK's biggest ever march in support of action on climate change – The Wave. A coalition of health organisations will be holding a feeder event that aims to bring together a growing movement of health professionals concerned about climate change. After some inspiring talks from a range of speakers we will join the main march to Parliament, demanding a healthier, low carbon society for ourselves and future generations.

Where: Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0RN

When: Saturday 5 December, Doors open 11:00, Event starts 11:30 Ends 12:15,

[For further information please visit](#)

Alcohol protects men's heart health

BBC News Online

Tackling Scotland's drink problem demands effort from everyone

The Daily Telegraph
Inverness Courier

Moderate drinkers live longer

The Daily Telegraph
United Press International

Minimum pricing plan will be blocked

BBC News Online
The Times

Day of shame taunt as Labour scuppers minimum pricing for alcohol

The Times

Gordon Brown is about gravitas not Adidas

Daily Telegraph

CPD

Members are reminded that 2009 CPD returns are due at FPH central office by 31 December 2009. Please submit the [online diary](#) or annual return form to [Krisztina Erdei](#), CPD Administrator.

Recent consultation responses

[FPH response to the Food Standards Agency consultation on Front-of-Pack nutrition labelling](#)

[Consultation responses are available to read on our website](#)

Public health events

For more information on any of these events please [visit the FPH events website](#)

Capita's National CQUIN Payment Framework Conference

Date: 3 December 2009
Venue: Central London

Supporting Children's Mental Health

Date: 10 December 2009
Venue: Central London

FPH Risk Management, Audit and Finance Committee



Do you have an interest in risk management and/or finance? If so, we would be pleased to hear from you.

We currently have a vacancy on the Faculty's Risk Management, Audit and Finance Committee and are seeking an energetic and committed member to join its team. The committee meets four times a year and provides a valuable insight into the workings and activities of the Faculty.

For further details, email [Herbert Thondhlana, Head of Finance & Administration](#). The deadline for applications is 31 December 2009.

A prestigious award for FPH Fellow

In November 2009 Dr Alex Gatherer, a FPH Fellow, was awarded the American Public Health Association's Presidential Citation for his work in improving health in European prisons.

Dr Gatherer acted as an adviser to the [World Health Organisation's Health in Prisons Project](#) and, according to the citation, was recognised due to his "dedication to the work of the Project, seen as addressing health and health care in prisons and facilitating the links between prison health and public health systems both nationally and internationally."

It is believed to be the first time that this top award has been given to a WHO project.

Developing multi-source feedback for public health



The FPH is developing a MSF questionnaire for consultants in public health. If you would like the opportunity to comment on the questions, or are interested taking part in the pilot scheme, please email elinsandberg@fph.org.uk

SACDA 2010 now open for FPH support

FPH is now welcoming applications from members to apply for a supporting statement for the SACDA 2010 round. Applicants should read the guidance on the [SACDA website](#) and the [FPH guidance](#) carefully before completing any forms, including the [FPH supporting statement](#).

FPH's deadline for submission is 11 December 2009, the same date as CVs must be submitted to SACDA's online system. The SACDA deadline for submission of supporting statements is Friday 29 January 2010.

Public health news

Epidemiology crash course

Date: 12 December 2009

Venue: University of Edinburgh

Occupational Asthma Workshop

Date: 23 February 2010

Venue: National Heart and Lung Institute, London SW3

UKPHA 18th Annual Public Health Forum

Date: 24 March 2010

Venue: Bournemouth International Centre

Women's Health 2010: The 18th Annual Congress

Date: March 26-28, 2010

Venue: Washington, DC

Tobacco Control in Practice - a postgraduate cpd module

Date: 26 April 2010

Venue: University of Bath, Claverton Down, BA2 7AY

Workshop on Lung Function Tests, Asthma and Work

Date: 21 May 2010

Venue: National Heart and Lung Institute, London SW3

12th Annual Meeting of the SRNT Europe

Date: 6 September 2010

Venue: University of Bath, UK

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

Opening up education in public health

Making educational resources freely available is a hot topic, but nowhere is it more important than Public Health. The Royal Society for Public Health is calling for educational resources to be contributed to a cutting edge project, which is testing the feasibility of making public health educational resources available across the world free of charge.

Project Director Dr Margaret Sills comments: "At this stage in our work we would really value input from Public Health educators who can contribute resources so they are freely accessible to the whole online community."

Resources could take the form of case studies, discussion triggers, podcasts, videos of lectures or interviews with public health practitioners. Established institutions in this sector have gained significant international exposure, and recruitment of undergraduates has also benefited.

To contribute a resource, contact the project at <http://phorus.health.heacademy.ac.uk> or call Rosie Cannon on 020 3177 1621.

NICE seeks outstanding NHS professionals for its new Fellows and Scholars programme

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) is launching the new Fellows and Scholars programme, aimed at providing more chances for NHS public health and clinical professionals in England to work with NICE.

The new programme will create opportunities for NHS staff to undertake projects and work with the Institute to improve the quality of care within their local health communities. A wide range of staff, including public health and allied health professionals, doctors, nurses, and health service managers, are encouraged to apply.

For more information visit www.nice.org.uk/getinvolved

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