



From the President

It may be cold right now – but this year is going to be really hot-hot-hot for public health. Not only is the FPH's new-style annual conference being held in scorching July, but also the politicians are already fighting over who has the best ideas for tackling the big public health issues.

How much should we invest in prevention? Should public health funding be ring-fenced? How can we best reward local successes? How can we harness the strength of the commercial sector to improve health? How far should we get into mandatory codes and regulation? How can we boost the public health workforce? And public health research? Which party has the greenest climate-change credentials? What are the best ways to reduce the inequalities gap?

This year's annual FPH summer conference couldn't be more timely. With the new government settling down to business, and with the public sector funding cuts in the offing, there'll be plenty to share and talk about. Lots of big issues, a stable of star speakers, lively discussions, great networking, as well as parallel sessions covering workforce development and other key areas of public health practice. All packed into a single unmissable day.

So put the date firmly in your diary: Wednesday 7 July, at Imperial College, London. And underline it three times!

Happy New Year

Alan

FPH news

2010 FPH Business Plan

Approved by the Board on 11 November 2009, the 2010 FPH business plan has now been published and you can download it from <http://tinyurl.com/yaeoe9u>

The plan sets out FPH priorities and goals for 2010 by:

- Outlining how we will build on our achievements and developmental work
- Articulating the outcomes we will achieve and the strategies and activities that we will undertake in order to accomplish them
- Identifying the resource implications of our proposed activities, projects and programmes.

The plan will become operational from 1 January 2010 and throughout the course of the year the Board will monitor and evaluate the organisation's progress against the key priorities and deliverables contained within the plan.

If you have any comments or views on the business plan,

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President and Vice President Elections – Play Your Part



Voting members are reminded that ballot papers for the [President](#) and [Vice-Presidents](#) elections are due to be returned to Electoral Reform Services by 22 January 2010.

Please do use your vote and contribute to the future of FPH.

Public Health Specialist Standards for Revalidation

The General Medical Council formally approved the specialist standards for revalidation in public health and eleven other specialties on 14 December 2009. This approval covers a series of standards for all professionals practising within their specialty. The specialty standards are in line with the generic standards and criteria outlined in the GMC's [Framework for Appraisal and Assessment](#) which is an adaptation of [Good Medical Practice](#).

The individual Colleges and Faculties (including FPH) also identified a range of supporting information for revalidation. The supporting information is still being considered by the GMC and will form part of the GMC's revalidation consultation in February 2010.

Follow these links to download the:

- [FPH submission document](#)
- [Public health specialist standards and supporting information](#)

CPD reminder – all FPH members

CPD returns for 2009 (or applications for exemption) must be submitted to the FPH office between by 31 March 2010.

All FPH members must meet minimum CPD requirements in order to remain in good standing either by submitting an annual return or by ensuring that FPH has formally agreed to the reasons for your exemption.

[Click here to submit a return](#)

[Click here to apply for an exemption](#)

If you have any queries about the completion of your return or your application for exemption, please contact cpd@fph.org.uk. If you wish to discuss your CPD requirements, please contact your regional/country CPD co-ordinator.

Consider giving a legacy to your speciality

FPH is providing information on its website for any member of FPH, or friend of public health, who may wish to consider leaving a gift to FPH in their will. A legacy to FPH will help support the organisations international work, standard setting and advocacy and policy development.

[Download the legacy leaflet from http://tinyurl.com/ya2s5vp](http://tinyurl.com/ya2s5vp)

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](#)

Ophthalmic Public Health – Short Course

Date: 25th – 29th January 2010
Venue: Charles Thackrah Building, University of Leeds

Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Migrants

Date: 28 January 2010
Venue: The Renaissance Hotel, Brussels.

Occupational Asthma Workshop

Date: 23 February 2010
Venue: National Heart and Lung Institute, London SW3

Public Health Futures

Date: 23 February 2010
Venue: The King's Fund, 11-13 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0AN

Infectious diseases

Date: 26 February 2010
Venue: UH Bristol Education Centre, Upper Maudlin Street, Bristol, BS2 8AE

Promoting Health: Transforming Lives

Date: 5 March 2010
Venue: Buckfast Abbey, Devon

UKPHA 18th Annual Public Health Forum

Date: 24 March 2010
Venue: Bournemouth International Centre

Women's Health 2010: The 18th Annual Congress

Date: 26-28 March 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

3rd joint European Public Health Conference

Date: 10-13 November 2010

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Faculty of Public Health Annual Conference – The Next Decade: What is the Future of Public Health?

Date: 7 July 2010

Venue: Imperial College, London

Enter the FPH poster competition

Do you have a piece of work or a project you feel would be of interest to the leaders in public health? Does it argue for a new approach or show evidence of an emerging problem?

Why not submit an abstract to be part of the poster display during the FPH annual conference, expected to be the biggest high level gathering in public health this year. All those accepted will be eligible for consideration in the FPH conference poster competition, being held at Imperial College.

The main theme for the conference is The Next Decade: What is the Future of Public Health? It will debate issues such as the economy, the challenges for the new government and the effectiveness of the health protection campaigns. As well as the main programme of high-level speeches, there will be plenty of time for debate and discussion in the break-out sessions.

For further information or to submit a proposal, [please visit www.fphconference.org](http://www.fphconference.org) or email fphconference@fph.org.uk with 'poster submission' in the subject line.

The deadline for submissions is Monday 1 March 2010.

Public health news

National Confidential Enquiry: Head Injury in Children – Call for Regional Panel Chairs

The Centre for Maternal and Child Enquiries (CMACE) (previously CEMACH), are currently collecting data for the national confidential enquiry into head injury in children. Enquiry panels on a subset of cases will commence in July 2010.

The deadline for applications for regional panel chairs or assessors is Friday 29 January.

For more information, please email Rosie Houston, Research Fellow (Child Health) at The Centre for Maternal and Child Enquiries (CMACE) rosie.houston@cmace.org.uk or call 020 7467 3223.

For more information please visit <http://www.cmace.org.uk>

Public Health Charity wins award for plain English

The public health charity PharmacyHealthLink has been awarded a Plain English Award for their public information leaflet, *Healthy You - Healthy Planet*. The leaflet formed part of a series of resources promoting the role of pharmacies in

Venue: Amsterdam, Netherlands

2nd World Non-Profit and Social Marketing Conference

Date: 11-12 April 2011

Venue: Dublin, Ireland

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sustainable development.

The 30th Plain English Campaign annual awards took place in December and included awards for the best and worst examples of written communications. The judges thought: "PharmacyHealthLink came up with a clear, unfussy design and a handy size for their leaflet. It has clear subheadings, good use of lists, white space and a direct, personal writing style."

For more information on the plain English awards visit <http://tinyurl.com/ycwyq4q>

To download the Healthy You - Healthy Planet leaflet - [click here](#)

Peninsula Public Health CPD Reports

The Peninsula Teaching Public Health Network (based in South West England) has produced two useful reports: one on the effectiveness of their inter-professional CPD programme, and the other an assessment of training needs for network members.

For more information contact Kevin.Elliston@plymouth.nhs.uk

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