



From the President

Are you going to Scarborough fair?

There's still time to grab a place at the summer's liveliest public health gathering on the Yorkshire Riviera. It promises to be bigger and better than ever.

We've lined up some great plenary sessions this year. Real giga-issues to get our teeth into. How can we beef up public health leadership? How should the PH workforce adapt to new challenges? What exactly is the Olympics PH legacy? Who is doing what, to face the latest global health issues? How can we fire up the health sector to get serious about climate change? What is the public health answer to violence? Where are we with revalidation?

We've got headline speakers. Like Fiona Adshead, ex-deputy CMO for England, now at WHO Geneva, will be getting all poetical about 'rhythms, reflections and hope' (can't wait for that one). Richard Smith, iconoclastic ex-editor of the BMJ, now with UnitedHealth, will be taking on the 'global pandemic of chronic disease' (good luck Richard).

There will be some brilliantly put together parallel sessions: from the impact of the credit crunch, to building 'industrial scale' PH programmes; from joint strategic needs assessments, to health intelligence in commissioning; and from making mental public health meaningful, to getting things right for mothers and babies.

And last but not least, the setting. Fair Scarborough. That jewel of the northeast coast where the sun always shines, the beach is divine and the donkeys never ever complain.

Look forward to seeing you there - with or without your parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme.

Book your place at
<http://www.publichealthconferences.org.uk/annual>

Best wishes
Alan

FPH news

ASH letter to MPs

FPH partners in the Smokefree Action Coalition, Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), are stepping up their campaign on the Health Bill's progress through parliament.

After success in the House of Lords, where peers endorsed measures to effectively ban tobacco advertising in shops, the Bill now needs to pass through the Commons. The Bill will

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receive its first reading on 8 June, and ASH are asking members of the public health community to write to their MPs, reminding them of the importance of a robust tobacco control policy.

For more information, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/nuk78k>

FPH endorse Quitting in Mind

FPH have recently endorsed an online resource on smoking in mental health settings. The website, commissioned by the London Development Centre, offers practical guidance and advice for both service users and staff to help people quit smoking.

For more information, please visit the website <http://www.quittinginmind.net>

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Nuffield Trust BBQ for potential Harkness Fellowship Applicants

The Nuffield Trust is hosting an Independence Day BBQ on the 8 July, to celebrate the appointment of the first Nuffield Trust/Commonwealth Fund Harkness Fellows. The event will also welcome potential applicants for the 2010-11 round of Fellowships. The Fellowship offers successful candidates the opportunity to study health reform in the US.

Applicants should be mid-career professionals (academic researchers, government policymakers, clinicians, managers, and journalists).

If you are interested in attending/applying please contact Peder Clark (pederclark@fph.org.uk) by Monday 15 June.

A new international journal

A new web-based journal has been created to promote the full range of longitudinal research and methodology and its applications. The first issue of *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies* has just been published.

The journal is available to view and download completely free of charge from the website. <http://www.journal.longviewuk.com>

Bupa Foundation Awards 2009 - call for entries

The annual Bupa Foundation Awards, now in their 30th year, are made to healthcare and medical professionals in recognition of excellence in healthcare.

Awards are £15,000 each, divided into two parts: £5,000 will be paid direct to the individual or team members and £10,000, will be for use to further the award winners' research. Applications are open to healthcare professionals who are resident and working in the UK.

For full details visit <http://www.bupafoundation.co.uk>

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

Workshop on lung function tests, asthma and work

5 June
London

Social Marketing Summer Schools programme for 2009

8-12 June
Bled, Slovenia

Infectious Diseases Today - More questions than answers?

12 June
Edinburgh

How to Practice Evidence-Based Health Care

18-19 June
Edinburgh

UK national smoking cessation conference

22-23 June
London

Rationing, Charity and Private Support - how much longer can the UK afford the NHS?

22 June
Edinburgh

National Commissioning Conference

22 & 23 June
Birmingham

Preventive Health 09

25 June
London

Healthy Communities Conference 2009

1 July
Cardiff

Training in Health Impact Assessment (HIA) 1 day introductory course

9 July
Birmingham

Global health research summer school

13 July 2009
Oxford

The IVth biennial international sex and relationships education conference

7-9 September
Birmingham

Health Protection conference

14-16 September
Warwick

Training in Health Impact Assessment

29 September to 1 October
Powys

Introductory Medical Statistics Course

New foot care guidance to be launched

New guidance for the commissioning of diabetes in hospital foot care services will be launched at a special conference on 12 June. The move is part of a campaign to make a major improvement in the care of foot ulcers in diabetes and reduce diabetic leg amputations in the UK.

For more information visit <http://www.diabetes.nhs.uk>

Guidance for doctors to enhance, support and improve their performance

Workplace Based Assessment: A Guide for Implementation is new guidance to help trainers assess, supervise and help trainees progress through workplace based assessments. Jointly produced by PMETB and the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, this publication will help reassure patients that the competency of the junior doctors that care for them is rigorously monitored throughout their training.

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

The Health Practitioner's Guide to Climate Change – Diagnosis and Cure

This book sets out clearly the links between health and climate change, and shows how health practitioners from all sectors and all countries can take influential and practical action to prevent it getting worse.

To receive a 20% prepublication discount when ordering online at <http://www.earthscan.co.uk> enter the voucher code AF20

Resilience

Resilience is the ability of a system to absorb disturbance and still retain its basic function and structure. The Sustainable Development Commission is conducting an engagement exercise to better understand how this concept relates to sustainable development.

For more information visit <http://bit.ly/szCOB>

CEMACH becomes CMACE

CEMACH will become an independent charity on 1 July 2009 with the new name 'Centre for Maternal and Child Enquiries' (CMACE).

CEMACH was set up in April 2003 as a unit within the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. The independent status and new name reflect significant developments since 2003. CMACE will continue to be committed to work for mothers and babies, but also aims to develop and expand its work on child health.

For any further information contact Richard Congdon, Chief

Annual international Health Impact Assessment conference

14-16 October
Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Faculty of Public Health - Scottish Annual Conference

12-13 November
Peebles, Scotland

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FPH Annual Conference 2009

Date: 16-18 June

Venue: Scarborough,

This year's theme – Leading for Health – Evidence, policy and practice – will focus on how we as public health professionals translate our knowledge, skills and expertise into leading-edge public health practice, and how we can shape the specialty to deliver health and wellbeing in the 21st Century.

For more information please visit

<http://www.publichealthconferences.org.uk/annual/2009/>

The Big Food Debate II – A Fundamental Rethink on Public Health Nutrition in the 21st Century

Date: Tuesday 20 October 2009

Venue: Crowne Plaza Liverpool

This one day conference will address big, global challenges and offer solution to tackling diet related disease. For further information, and to register your interest in this event contact Events Northern on 01772 336 639

Faculty of Public Health - Scottish Annual Conference

Date: 12 - 13 November 2009

Venue: Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles, Scotland.

This year's Annual Scottish Conference is being organised by the Faculty of Public Health in conjunction with the East of Scotland NHS Boards (NHS Borders, NHS Fife, NHS Lothian and NHS Tayside).

For more information on submitting abstracts please visit

<http://www.cmsabstracts.com/publichealth09/>

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