



From the President

A giant of the public health world is no longer with us. Last week Professor Jerry Morris FFPH died at the age of 99.

A groundbreaking cardiovascular epidemiologist, ardent champion of the post-war welfare state and passionate campaigner against health inequalities, Jerry was a true inspiration.

I first met him 35 years ago whilst on the MSc in Social Medicine at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. He welcomed us with a wonderfully motivating talk rounded off with a call to always seek to turn evidence into action. Jerry was widely regarded as the father of exercise epidemiology and famously declared that active living is the 'best buy in public health'. He certainly practised what he preached – still swimming two or three times a week well into his 90s.

Jerry played an important part in establishing the original Faculty of Community Medicine in 1972. He was constantly spurring us on to greater things and I'm sure he would be pleased to know that FPH is a key partner in the new national Physical Activity Alliance to be launched later this month.

Alan Maryon-Davis

Professor Jerry Morris' funeral will be held at the West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, 62 Hoop Lane, London NW11 this Wednesday 4 November at 11.00.

FPH news

FPH saves No Smoking Day

FPH recently scored an important victory for public health, saving No Smoking Day's funding being cut by the DH. A joint letter, signed by 24 organisations, ensured that this important public health initiative can continue its good work.

For more information, [please see the story in HSJ](#), and visit the [No Smoking Day website](#).

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

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In the past month, FPH has responded to *New Horizons* (the latest DH initiative on mental health), to the new DH taskforce on the Health Aspects of Violence against Women and Girls, and a consultation on the NHS' International Development Framework.

[All of these consultation responses are available to read on our website](#)

FPH in the news

Daily sweets linked to violence

BBC News Online

Half of babies will live to 100

BBC News Online

Educated women aid long life

BBC News Online

Marie Claire

BBC Radio York

Millions of pensioners go cold as energy prices soar

The Independent

Big variation in life expectancy

BBC News Online

Can fatty food make you stupid?

The Daily Mail

Smoking cessation day funding safe following furious letter

HSJ

system. The SACDA deadline for submission of supporting statements is Friday 29 January 2010.

ACCEA (England and Wales) 2010 – final reminder

The closing date for FPH support for ACCEA (England and Wales) is soon approaching. Please submit forms to FPH by 6 November 2009. Please consult the [ACCEA website](#) and the [full FPH guidance](#) before completing forms.

Nominations for President and Vice President open – final call to lead FPH



Members are reminded that nominations are now open for [President](#) and [Vice Presidents](#) of FPH. Please ensure that nomination forms are returned to the Registrar via Laura Webb, Head of Professional Affairs, by the closing date of 18 November 2009.

Distinction grades of membership – last month of nominations

All Fellows are reminded that 30 November is the deadline for the return of nomination forms for distinction and honorary grades of membership and fellowship. [Full guidance](#) and [nomination forms](#) are available on the website.

FPH signs up to 10:10

Following the publication of *Sustaining a Healthy Future*, FPH are doing their bit to reduce our own impact on the planet. By joining the 10:10 campaign, we have committed to reducing our carbon footprint by 10% in 2010. We are urging our members to do the same, and you can sign up as an individual or on behalf of your organisation on their website: <http://www.greenerhealthcare.org/1010-health>

Visit of President to Northern Ireland

The FPH's Northern Ireland Affairs Committee (NIAC) was pleased to welcome Dr Alan Maryon Davis to Northern Ireland on 29 September.

The President addressed NIAC members at an event in Belfast Castle to celebrate the contribution to public health in Northern Ireland of eight outstanding individuals who have recently retired or are about to retire. These are: Dr John Watson, Dr Bill McConnell, Dr Anne Marie Telford, Dr Paula Kilbane, Dr Brian Gaffney, Dr Colin Hamilton and Dr Vinod Tohani.

The event also marked the launch of a book on the history of public health in Northern Ireland. A copy of the book was presented to the President and the honoured guests. Earlier NIAC members discussed proposed changes to the Committee's terms of reference necessitated by the new structures of health and social care in Northern Ireland. A consultation document will be issued to members outlining these changes.

Public health events

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

Water Challenges - Past, Present and Future

3 November
London

Green Commissioning Workshop Event

4 Nov 2009
London

What works: the evidence base for International Child Health interventions

5 November
Birmingham

Sir George Godber Memorial Event

9 November
London

Careif 2009 International Conference on Sport, Education & Culture

11 November
London

SGPPH Annual Conference and AGM

11 November
London

Faculty of Public Health - Scottish Annual Conference

12-13 November
Peebles, Scotland

Commissioning Support Appraisals Service (CSAS) Launch Meeting

12 November
London

Commissioning Support Appraisals Service (CSAS) Launch Meeting

16 November
Leeds

Workshop on Lung Function Tests, Asthma and Work

20 November
London

WASTED: An International Conference on Alcohol and Young People

20 November
Ashford, Kent

2009 Public Health Healthcare Conference

26 November
Birmingham

Devolution and Divergence: Health and Social Care in the UK

30 November
Cardiff

Designing Environments to Encourage Physical Activity Conference

Revamped FPH Blog

Read about topical and emerging public health issues, and keep up with public health conferences and events through updates and opinion pieces from the FPH President, Committee Chairs, Members and Staff.

New blog can now be read at
<http://www.betterhealthforall.org>

FPH now on Twitter

Keep up with FPH and partner organisations' work, views on breaking news, comments, thoughts and questions on public health issues – and get involved in the conversation.

Our followers currently include all the major political parties, Oxfam, Chief Executive of the RCN, RCPsych, HSJ News and NHS Confed.

Follow FPH on twitter – twitter.com/FPH

FPH events

Public Health in a Change of Age: 2009 Scottish Annual Public Health Conference

Date: 12 – 13 November 2009

Venue: Peebles Hydro Hotel

This year's conference will be of interest to those involved in public health work both at practitioner and specialist level and in all three domains of health protection, health care and health promotion.

The conference will focus on 'Public Health in a Change of Age', recognising the importance of us living in a world of unprecedented change like nothing we have known before.

[Further information including the conference programme and how to book a place can be found here.](#)

Public health news

UK Public Health Register – Call for Fitness to Practise Panellists

UKPHR is seeking applications from PH Consultants or Specialists (from any background) to join our pool of Fitness to Practise professional and lay Panellists.

You will need to:

- remain focussed, impartial and fair
- sift and comprehend large amounts of documentation
- listen to evidence and to fellow Panel members
- respect confidentiality of all deliberations that are not in the public domain
- be able to articulate questions succinctly and sensitively to both parties and to witnesses

30 November
Gloucester

Supporting Children's Mental Health

10 December
London

Epidemiology Crash Course

12 December
Edinburgh

Occupational Asthma Workshop

23 February 2010
London

UKPHA 18th Annual Public Health Forum

24 March 2010
Bournemouth

Women's Health 2010: The 18th Annual Congress

26-28 March 2010
Washington, DC, USA

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- analyse and weight evidence to reach decisions on FTP and appropriate sanction
- be able to contribute to compiling determinations, including reasons for decisions.

Relevant experience is valuable, but not essential: e.g. member of tribunals of other regulators, magistrate, NCAS work, handling complaints or disciplinary matters. The role is not remunerated, but reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

If interested in becoming a panellist, please send your CV to [Sarah North, Manager, UKPHR, at S.North@cieh.org](mailto:S.North@cieh.org). Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the role further, please contact Sarah, or [Fiona Sim, UKPHR Registrar, at fiona.sim@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:fiona.sim@lshtm.ac.uk).

NEPNEI seeks New Chair

The National Expert Panel on New and Emerging Infections (NEPNEI) is currently recruiting a Chair.

NEPNEI is an independent expert group, which provides advice to the Chief Medical Officer and the Department of Health on threats to public health posed by new and emerging pathogens. It meets regularly twice a year, with sub-group and briefing meetings as required.

The Chair will provide effective leadership to the panel and be responsible for its operation and outputs. The candidate must have an outstanding record of professional achievement and personal credibility at a national level within a field relevant to the remit of the committee.

[More information on NEPNEI can be found on the Panel website.](#)

Research in Progress Call – for abstracts

The Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene is seeking abstracts for an event later this year. They aim to attract social scientists and health economists in addition to the more traditional disciplines of immunology, parasitology, epidemiology and clinical tropical medicine.

Applicants are invited to compete for the opportunity to present their unpublished research in progress. A £250 prize will be awarded to the author of the best paper and the best poster. Runner-up cash prizes will also be awarded. All prize-winners will be invited to publish a short article in one of the RSTMH's journals.

[More information can be found at http://www.rstmh.org/rip-2009](http://www.rstmh.org/rip-2009)

Call for abstracts – The 20th IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion Geneva 2010

The Global Scientific Committee of the 20th IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion is calling for the submission of abstracts suggesting symposia, workshops and oral papers/posters to be presented and discussed at the conference which will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 11 to 15 July 2010.

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