



From the President

One of the big challenges for FPH as a UK-wide organisation is trying to keep the 'U' in 'UK'.

As the health systems of the four UK countries go through their endlessly fascinating contortions and become more and more diverse and different, it's becoming increasingly difficult for FPH central office to provide the sort of appropriately tailored support that our members need.

Right now, public health colleagues in both Wales and Northern Ireland are having to re-adjust to new configurations – a distraction which inevitably disrupts their day-to-day work and can be a major impediment, especially during a global pandemic.

What's more, as we know from recent experience in England, these re-organisations usually mean that economies are made (or at least attempted) and some good people are shaken out. Public health people are especially vulnerable in these upheavals and sadly a great deal of talent and experience is repeatedly lost to our specialty.

Nevertheless, as someone once said: never let a good crisis go to waste. There are always new opportunities to be exploited as public health across the UK goes through each successive change. We at FPH, as your professional voice and 'home', will do what we can to help you anticipate these opportunities and support you in making the best of them.

This is why we have 'country affairs committees' in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, acting as the FPH presence, looking after your PH professional needs and responding to key developments and consultations. To help them do this work on your behalf, it's important give them your full support. And by improving the links with FPH centre, we can build a stronger specialist public health 'family', not only in each country, but also UK-wide.

The committee convenors are: FPH Scotland - [Emilia Crighton](#), FPH Wales – [Stephen Monaghan](#) and FPH Northern Ireland – [Gerry Waldron](#). They're waiting to hear from you!

FPH news

Nominations for President and Vice President open



All voting members should have now received nomination papers for the election of [President](#) and [Vice Presidents](#).

If, for any reason, you have not received nomination papers

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by the end of the first week in October please email Laura Webb, Head of Professional Affairs at laurawebb@fph.org.uk. The closing date for nominations is 18 November 2009.

Potential nominees will note that the job role for the [President](#) specified a commitment of up to 30 hours a week. It should be noted that this is flexible and can be pared down depending on the scope of work undertaken and the putative President's other commitments. To discuss, please do contact central office on 020 7935 0243. The [job description for Vice-President](#) is also available.

ACCEA (England and Wales) 2010 round

Members are reminded that we are now welcoming applications for FPH support for the [ACCEA](#) (England and Wales) [2010 round](#). Full guidance and the forms can be found on the [FPH website](#). In order to meet the national ACCEA deadline of 11 December your application for FPH support must reach central office by the following dates:

Applications for platinum awards – 17.00 on 23 October 2009

Applications for bronze, silver and gold awards – 17.00 on 6 November 2009

SACDA (Scotland) 2010 round

SACDA guidance has been released today and will shortly be on our website. SACDA deadlines will be 11 December 2009 for the submission of CVs and 29 January 2010 for the submission of supporting statements. In order to meet these deadlines, applications for FPH support must reach central office by 17.00 on 27 November 2009 for all SACDA awards

Distinction grades of membership

Fellows of FPH are also reminded that distinction and honorary grades of membership and fellowship are now open for the 2010 round. Please do consider proposing distinguished colleagues both at home and abroad. [Full guidance](#) and [nominations forms](#) are available on the website. The deadline for nominations is 30 November 2009.

Chair, Part B MFPH Examiners

The FPH is seeking to appoint a new Chair of Examiners. The successful applicant will be responsible for chairing and leading the Part B Examiners and OSPHE Executive Committee. This includes approving the examination questions in collaboration with the Chair of the Question Development Group and in line with FPH examination procedures.

Maintenance and development of the Part B examination is also the responsibility of the Chair, as is dealing with problems and enquiries concerning the examination from stakeholders. The Chair of Examiners will also advise the FPH Academic Registrar and FPH Education Committee on matters relating to the Part B MFPH examination, providing regular reports to the Education Committee and statistical information on each sitting of the Part B MFPH Examination.



Recent consultation responses

September

[Health Protection Regulations](#)

[PMETB/GMC merger](#)

August

[FPH response to Prime Minister's Commission on the Future of Nursing and Midwifery](#)

[FPH response to the Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England Post 2010 \(Marmot Review\)](#)

[FPH response to Home Office consultation on how alcohol is sold and supplied](#)

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[FPH response to Prevention of CVD evidence](#)

[Response from the UK Faculty of Public Health to the Food Standards Agency Strategy for 2010 to 2015 consultation](#)

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[FPH's response to the NICE consultation on the Topic Selection Process for Technology Appraisals](#)

Public health events

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

Introductory Medical Statistics Course

8-9 October
London

1st European Congress on Environmental Pathologies

9-10 October
Rouen, France

Occupational Asthma Workshop

13 October
London

Annual international Health Impact Assessment conference

14-16 October
Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Water Challenges - Past, Present and Future

3 November
London

The role is for three years initially with a possibility of renewal. The Chair of Examiners requires excellent communication and project management skills as well as a broad understanding of the MFPH examinations at all levels.

For a full job description and person specification please see the [FPH website](#). Interested applicants should send their CV and a 500 word expression of interest via email to educ@fph.org.uk, by **27 November 2009**

New Expert Advisory Panel – Annual Conference



FPH are looking for public health specialists, who could bring a fresh new outlook to the content of the annual conference.

As a member of the EAP, you will use your expert public health knowledge to create and develop the conference programme, suggest speakers, session themes and act as 'peer reviewers' for abstract selection. The advisory panel would work alongside the Conference committee whose responsibility it is to deliver the conference.

The successful applicants would not be expected to attend any meetings in person as all correspondence and contributions will be carried out via telephone and email.

If you want to help create a dynamic annual conference programme, [please complete the application form](#) and send to karentidy@fph.org.uk by **14 October 2009**.

Vacancies FPH Conference Committee – General members



FPH are seeking to recruit **two** general members to its Conference committee. The Conference committee is the formal group responsible for delivering the FPH annual conference. This includes taking forward and making decisions from the Expert Advisory Panel on themes, speakers and overall structure.

The successful applicants would be expected to attend two meetings per year, with further contributions via telephone and email. These posts are non-remunerated; however travel expenses will be covered in line with FPH policy.

If you would like to be part of the committee and help create a dynamic annual conference please complete an [application form](#) and send to FPH Events Officer at karentidy@fph.org.uk by **14 October 2009**.

International Health Trainees Working Group seeking volunteers.



The IHTWG started in 2004 and is an informal group for anyone training in public health who is interested in global health. It is an information exchange and mutual support group. They have an elected Chair and Vice Chair who have seats on the FPH International Committee, but also advocate for whatever they feel is of importance to our members.

If you are not yet a member, please feel welcome to join by emailing suemann@doctors.org.uk. If you would like further

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

Workshop on Lung Function Tests, Asthma and Work
20 November
London

2009 Public Health Healthcare Conference
26 November
Birmingham

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

Epidemiology Crash Course
12 December
Edinburgh

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

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

FPH Consultation on Revalidation and Specialist Standards – last chance!



FPH is currently consulting on the standards framework and evidence that will inform revalidation for public health professionals. We strongly encourage all members to participate in this consultation and share their views with the Revalidation Working Group. This is the last consultation before final specialist standards must be submitted to the regulators. These standards will apply to all public health professionals, so it is important that we take into account feedback from all areas of public health.

Please take the time to complete this consultation online to ensure that we develop processes for the revalidation of public health professionals that you, your colleagues and the communities you serve can have confidence in. We would be very grateful for your feedback, comments and suggestions.

This consultation will take approximately 20 minutes or less to complete.

[Please visit follow this link to take the survey](#)

The deadline for responding to the consultation has been extended to 7 October 2009.

FPH Workforce Census 2009



All FPH members in the UK have been emailed a link to the workforce census questionnaire. The questionnaire is also available via the link below. All FPH members who do not submit an online response will be sent a copy in the post next week. However, we encourage all members to submit an online response to reduce costs and comply with FPH's environmental policy.

[Please visit http://tinyurl.com/m4m7tn](http://tinyurl.com/m4m7tn) to take part

Please help FPH build an accurate picture of public health in the UK by participating in the census. The census closes on 9 October 2009.

FPH member wins the 2009 Robin Tavistock Award

Dr Jenny A Dautlich DFPH has won the prestigious award presented by the Tavistock Trust for Aphasia.

The award recognises her work to help improve the lives of aphasia-sufferers, particularly 'Glos-Speak,' a self-help group that offers long-term support to people living with aphasia, and the website AphasiaNow (www.aphasianow.org), a forum run by, and established for, people living with aphasia.

This is the first time the award goes to someone who has not only committed themselves to help others but has also worked tirelessly to overcome their own aphasia.

The annual award is named after Robin Tavistock, the 14th Duke of Bedford and founder of the Tavistock Trust for Aphasia, and is given to a person or group who has made a

significant contribution in the field of aphasia.

Aphasia is an acquired language disorder [partial or total loss of verbal or written communication] resulting from neurological damage, with an estimated 300,000 sufferers in the UK.

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.](#)

FPH 2010 Annual Conference

Date: 15 – 17 June 2010

Venue: International Centre, Telford

We are delighted to formally announce the dates and venue for the 2010 FPH Annual Conference. The invitation to submit abstracts will be announced soon, along with the outline of the themes.

[Look out for further announcements via this bulletin and the conference website](#)

Public health news

Tackling climate change will make us all healthier, says NHS

The NHS will have to play a leading role in the response to climate change if it is to provide the best quality healthcare, concludes a study which will guide development of the health service. It calls for the NHS to take urgent action now to be fit for the future.

Fit for the Future recommends five key steps to creating a sustainable low-carbon healthcare system, ready for whatever the future may hold. The report details a set of scenarios which managers and clinicians can use to test strategy. It is the first time the NHS has studied the long-term measures required to maintain a quality health service for patients in the face of climate change.

For more information visit <http://tinyurl.com/yeokpa2>

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

This is the first book to set out what health practitioners can do to prevent the worst impacts of climate change, to make health services sustainable, and to design healthy, sustainable communities. Written by an authoritative group of authors from key organisations in the field, it is essential reading for:

- health professionals, local government, built environment professionals
- students across all sectors of health, medicine and public administration
- community and voluntary sector, NGOs
- the business community involved in private healthcare.

SPECIAL OFFER: The book is sponsored by The National Heart Forum and the National Social Marketing Centre in order to make the book available at an affordable price for all students and practitioners. Publishers Earthscan are pleased to make a further 20% discount available to our members.

To get your copy of The Health Practitioner's Guide to Climate Change for a 20% discount, enter voucher code 'HPG-FPH' when you order online at <http://www.earthscan.co.uk/?tabid=74742>

FPH (in association with the NHS Sustainable Development Unit and the NHS Confederation) recently published a new handbook on cutting carbon emissions within the NHS. <http://tinyurl.com/nz42ln>

New online learning tool launched to help kids protect themselves from infections

School children across England and Europe can now learn about protecting themselves from swine flu and other infections, following today's launch of an education programme and interactive website by the Health Protection Agency (HPA).

e-Bug is made up of educational activities for primary and secondary school-age children, complemented by online games, on microbes, hygiene, antibiotic use and vaccines. The programme features age-appropriate animated characters and cartoon microbes; and lesson plans and materials for teachers. Topics include hygiene measures to stop the spread of swine flu and other respiratory infections.

The e-Bug website is <http://www.e-bug.eu>

Sexual and reproductive health clinical studies group

The Faculty of Sexual & Reproductive Healthcare is setting up a clinical studies group (CSG) to coordinate research into SRH across the UK and is looking for potential group members. Individuals with a strong research interest and experience in this field are invited to apply.

Details of the role of the CSG and its executive subgroup can be found via <http://www.fsrh.org>.

To apply please send a CV and covering letter stating your strengths to Diana Halfnight, FSRH, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4RG, or by email to dhalfnight@fsrh.org, by 28 September 2009.

The Vaccination and Immunisation National Support Team

Immunisation plays a critical part in preventing ill health, and helping people lead healthier lives. To further underpin this critical role, immunisation is now enshrined as a right in the new NHS constitution.

The Vaccination and Immunisation NST (VINST) was established in autumn 2009 and offers support to local Partnerships in achieving the Government's key deliverables in relation to improving immunisation uptake and helping deliver Vital Signs. A partnership approach at national, regional and local level is key to the successful delivery of these goals.

For more information about the Vaccination and Immunisation NST, please contact VINST@dh.gsi.gov.uk

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