



## From the President

The advocacy movement to tackle alcohol misuse is strong stuff. News stories appear almost daily – about the time-bomb of liver disease in young people, about the effects on pregnancy and fetal health, about the links to breast cancer and high blood pressure. Researchers and policy advocates are falling over themselves to keep alcohol firmly on the media and political radar.

As with smoke-free legislation, it's a gradual process of raising awareness, and shifting hearts and minds, until a tipping point is reached when something really big happens. The trigger issue may well be the minimum pricing of alcohol – something which FPH fully supports, and which, once again, Scotland may well find itself acting as the trailblazer for.

As a key member of the Alcohol Health Alliance we are certainly doing our bit to push for tighter regulation and controls of the drinks trade and the marketing that goes with it. So watch this space.

Meanwhile, a quick plug for our workforce survey. It's crucially important for us to get an accurate picture of who's out there, doing what, for whom. So please fill up the forms – it only takes a few ticks. I've done it – and I haven't even got a proper job!

Best wishes  
Alan

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## FPH news

### Consultants Clinical Excellence Awards for England and Wales (ACCEA) 2010 now open for FPH support

FPH is now welcoming applications from members to apply for FPH support for the ACCEA 2010 round. Applicants should read the guidance on the [ACCEA website](#) and the [FPH guidance](#) carefully before completing any forms.

FPH deadlines are Wednesday 23 October for platinum awards and Friday 6 November for bronze, silver and gold awards. The ACCEA deadline for completed applications is Friday 11 December.

Guidance and forms for SACDA have not yet been released. However, the deadline for applications for FPH support will be Friday 27 November. The ACDA deadline for CVs will be Friday 11 December and all other forms must be submitted by Friday 29 January.

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**FPH Consultation on Revalidation and Specialist Standards**



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## FPH in the news

### How lack of salts could affect health

*Daily Mail*

### Public sector workers demand stricter crackdown on alcohol

*Community Care*  
*onmedica.com*

### There is not a moment to waste: Alan Maryon-Davis on NHS carbon cutting

*HSJ*

### Tamiflu and its effect on children

*BBC News*

### Drink blamed for oral cancer rise

*BBC News online*

### British experts defend the NHS against US right-wing attacks

*Daily Telegraph*

*Sky News*

*onmedica.com*

### The NHS told to fight climate change

*HSJ*

*BMA News*

*Clickgreen.org.uk*

*uk.oneworld.net*

*carbonoffsetsdaily.com*

*Medical News Today*

*The Green Village.co.uk*

*Sustainable Construction News*

### Low carb diet damages arteries

*BBC News Online*

*Heartsafetytips.blogspot.com*

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## Who says public health and showbiz don't mix?

Read the FPH President's new blog at <http://fphpresident.wordpress.com/>

FPH is pleased to open an online consultation on the standards framework and evidence, the consultation will inform revalidation for public health professionals.

We encourage all members to participate in this consultation and share their views with the Revalidation Working Group. This will enable us to 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, and the deadline for responding is Friday 25 September 2009.

[Click here to take part](#)

### **The FPH Workforce Census 2009 is now open.**



All FPH members should have received a link to the 2009 FPH Workforce Questionnaire. All FPH members who do not submit an online response will be sent a copy in the post. However, we encourage all members to submit an online response to reduce costs and comply with the FPH environmental policy.

Please help FPH build an accurate picture of public health in the UK by participating in the census which closes on Friday 2 October 2009.

[Click here to take part](#)

### **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 the Events Officer at [karentidy@fph.org.uk](mailto:karentidy@fph.org.uk) by **Tuesday 15 September 2009**.

### **Vacancies FPH Conference Committee – General members**



## Public health events

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

### **The IVth biennial international sex and relationships education conference**

7-9 September  
Birmingham

### **The Future of the NHS**

9 September  
Venue: TBC

### **Westminster Health Forum Keynote Seminar: The Future of the NHS**

9 September  
Venue: TBC

### **Health Protection Conference**

14-16 September  
Warwick

### **Mental Health: 'New Horizons'**

17 September  
Venue: TBC

### **Procurement in the NHS 2009: Improving Knowledge and Skills**

17 September  
Manchester

### **The 2nd Injury Prevention Conference for the UK and Ireland**

24 & 25 September  
Cardiff

### **Social Marketing 2009**

24 September  
London

### **Training in Health Impact Assessment**

29 September to 1 October  
Powys

### **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

### **Careif 2009 International**

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. The next meeting will take place on Friday 25 September at the FPH office. Teleconference facilities will be available if unable to attend the meeting in person.

If you would like to be part of the committee and help create a dynamic annual conference please [complete the application form](#) and send to FPH Events Officer at [karentidy@fph.org.uk](mailto:karentidy@fph.org.uk) by **Tuesday 15 September 2009**.

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### Write to your MP about smoking and the Health Bill



The Health Bill currently making its way through the House of Commons, contains a number of measures aimed at reducing the harm caused by tobacco, particularly amongst young people. These include prohibiting the display of tobacco at the point of sale, banning tobacco vending machines, and reserving powers to introduce plain packaging for all tobacco products.

The Smokefree Coalition, which FPH is a member of, is calling on supporters to write to their MPs asking them to support the measures, ahead of the vote on 12 October.

[To write to your MP, please download a template letter here.](#)

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### Take action to support youth smoking prevention in Scotland



FPH has recently become an associate member of the Scottish Coalition On Tobacco (SCOT), and we are supporting their new campaign around the Scottish Government's Tobacco and Primary Medical Services Bill. The bill aims to prevent children from smoking by reducing the visibility and availability of cigarettes in shops.

For more information on how Scottish members can help support this important legislation, please visit the [ASH Scotland website](#).

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### Sustaining a Healthy Future: Taking Action on Climate Change



FPH (in association with the NHS Sustainable Development Unit and the NHS Confederation) last month published a new handbook, ***Sustaining a Healthy Future – Taking Action on Climate Change***. Its contents range from individual action plans encouraging recycling and walking, to step-by-step checklists on how to integrate realistic carbon-reduction measures into organisation-wide strategies and policies.

### Conference on Sport, Education & Culture

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

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The handbook aims to show that sustainable management, working and living is an achievable objective across NHS hospitals, clinics and practices. The guide has already been distributed to NHS Trusts and DPHs across the country, and received coverage in the [HSJ](#).

If you would like to download or order a copy, please [click here](#)

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## 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.](#)

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### **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 in October along with the outline of the themes.

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

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