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From the President

We're turning up the heat on climate change and sustainable development.

As you may have seen, we've just issued our handy guide, [Sustaining a Healthy Future: taking action on climate change](#).

The health sector, especially the NHS, has huge muscle when it comes to doing something practical about climate change – the biggest workforce in Western Europe, an enormous collection of buildings, massive purchasing power, and a wide range of skills, expertise and influence.

The NHS and its partners can really make a difference making sure its buildings are as energy-efficient as possible, adopting green transport policies and shifting its purchasing towards local goods and services with a lower carbon footprint.

The guide has been endorsed by 19 influential organisations, and we see it as an important step in a continuing campaign to mobilise the health sector in leading the way to a healthy and sustainable global future.

Huge thanks to Jenny Griffiths, Lindsey Stewart and Helen Keevy for putting it together.

I do hope you check out the practical tools the guide offers. Quite a few quick wins in there.

And please let us know how you get on in making a difference.

Best wishes for a happy 2008.

Alan

Training application deadline extended

Please note that the deadline for applications to the public health specialty training programme in England and Wales has been extended by one day to **midnight on Monday 28 January**.

For additional information on the process see the [FPH website](#).

FPH workshop on 'working in developing countries'

In response to a number of important UK Government initiatives on global health, the Faculty of Public Health's International Committee is pleased to announce that it is hosting a one-day workshop on 'working in developing countries'.

The event will bring together some of the UK's key players in developing global health and should provide a stimulating and informative day for anyone interested in working overseas.

The workshop is to be held on **23 April 2008** in central London. Download a copy of the registration form and view the draft programme and further details for the day at: www.publichealthconferences.org.uk/international_workshop_2008/

FPH annual conference update

Submissions to the FPH's annual conference in Cardiff this year have beaten all previous records, with more than 250 individual proposals received.

The Meetings Committee has had a marathon task of working their way through each and every one, and those who made submissions will be informed of the outcome in February.

CPD reminder – all FPH members

CPD returns for 2007 (or applications for exemption) must be submitted to the Faculty office **between 31 December 2007 and 31 March 2008**.

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

- To submit a **return**, go to: www.fph.org.uk/prof_standards/cpd/portfolio_diary
- To apply for **exemption**, go to: www.fph.org.uk/prof_standards/cpd/exemptions

If you have any queries about the completion of your return or your application for exemption, please contact the cpd administrator.

If you wish to discuss your CPD requirements, please contact your [regional/country CPD Co-ordinator](#).

Update from the FPH Information & Intelligence Committee

The committee is being kept extremely busy and is currently contributing on a number of consultations relevant to their area of work. These include:

- The Communities and Local Government [Place Survey](#) - proposals for a new survey to be carried out by local authorities.
- A Ministry of Justice consultation on the [use and sharing of personal information](#) in public and private sectors.
- HM Treasury's consultation on [Limiting pre-release access to statistics](#)
- [Health-related Survey for England](#) (led by the Information Centre)

Statement on post-trial funding

In December the Faculty of Public Health (FPH) and Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) issued a joint statement on responsibility for ongoing funding of experimental treatments for patients who have participated in commercially funded research.

Feedback from the statement was positive and it received [coverage on BBC online](#).

Read the [press release](#) and statement on [post-trial funding](#) [pdf] on the FPH website.

Launch of EU co-funded public health law network

The European Public Health Law Network is a new website designed to facilitate the exchange of expertise on the use of law as a tool for public health protection and promotion across the European Union (plus Croatia, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway).

Membership, which is free, is open to any person whose work or research involves public health law. In particular we welcome application for membership from public health practitioners and academics whose work addresses issues of law. Visit <http://www.ephln.org> to become a member.

National Survey of Trainers

Trainers – have your views on postgraduate medical education heard by completing PMETB's first ever National Survey of Trainers.

The survey was developed by a group that included deans and representatives from Medical Royal Colleges and Faculties. The survey was piloted by researchers in the Northern Deanery and NHS Education for Scotland. It is the first survey of its kind to be undertaken on a UK-wide basis. The results will be available on a new website in April 2008.

Consultants should receive an internal email with instructions detailing how to access the survey and a site-specific password. This will come from the person nominated by the deanery to help with the survey at their location, for instance the Director of Medical Education.

For more information on completing the survey, please go to: www.pmetb.org.uk/trainersurvey

National Survey of Trainees

Trainees – don't miss your chance to have a say on your training, by making sure you complete the National Survey of Trainees 2007/08.

If you're in a PMETB-approved training post and you haven't received an email invitation containing a unique Survey Access Code to complete the survey, please go to: www.pmetb.org.uk/traineesurvey. And follow the instructions there.