



The Faculty of Public Health

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From the President

A key FPH aim is to expand our role overseas, and our vibrant International Committee has just held an extremely stimulating and useful [workshop on working in developing countries](#).

There is clearly huge enthusiasm among public health practitioners – trainees, consultants, academics – in gaining experience in, learning from, and providing expert help to low- and middle-income countries.

But it's also very clear that they need a lot of support in doing so. Big issues raised by trainees at the conference were gaining release for out-of-programme experience, accreditation of overseas placements and funding. The problems were similar for consultants.

Some felt the FPH had a role in working with deaneries and NHS employers to try to reduce these bureaucratic barriers and set standards around overseas work. Others felt that the system works reasonably well at the moment, that the funding and levers are in place, and that anyone motivated enough can find their way to the overseas placement of their dreams.

We are working hard to build up this aspect of public health practice and to remove as many barriers as possible. We are also linking directly with a range of developing countries to work with them in strengthening their public health standards and capacity. Watch our website for a report on the workshop and copies of the presentations.

In the meantime, keep those [survey questionnaires](#) rolling in, and remember to look at the [frequently asked questions regarding the issue of College status](#).

An important point to remember is that becoming an independent college will not mean we sever links with the RCPs, nor with the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges. Indeed, I am convinced that having official College status will enhance our standing with these bodies.

There, I've declared my hand - again!

All the best

Alan

FPH Annual Report

The [2007 Annual Report](#) is now available on the FPH website.

We hope you will find the online version of the report easy to use. Requests for a printed version of the report can be made by phoning the FPH office on: 020 7935 0243.

If you have any comments on the format, please email comments@fph.org.uk.

FPH Risk Management, Audit and Finance Committee

Do you have an interest in risk management and/or finance? If so, we would be pleased to hear from you.

We currently have a number of vacancies on FPH's Risk Management, Audit and Finance Committee and are looking for individuals with energy and commitment to join its membership. The committee meets 3 to 4 times a year in London and provides a valuable insight into the workings and activities of the Faculty.

For further details, contact Pauline Blackmore, Head of Finance.

Information & Intelligence Committee Chair

FPH is looking for a new chair for its Information & Intelligence Committee to drive forward this important agenda.

Applicants should be FPH members and have expertise in public health intelligence.

The deadline for applications is 31 May.

For further information on the committee and details how to apply, please contact Hannah Pugh.

Take action on active travel

The UK's leading public health, transport and planning bodies are calling on electoral candidates across the UK to invest 10% of transport budgets in cycling and walking initiatives if elected, to help fight the UK's obesity crisis.

Lead by the Association of Directors of Public Health, the initiative was launched today and FPH is one of 70 signatories.

[Take action on active travel](#) can be downloaded from the ADPH website.

Promoting sustainable development in public health

FPH is continuing its campaign to promote awareness and action in the public health community and wider health service on climate change.

We have collaborated with the South East Regional Public Health Group for the Department of Health, the UK Public Health Association and the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health on a guidance document providing advice for public health professionals on what can be done to mitigate and adapt to climate change and promote sustainable communities.

[The health impact of climate change - promoting sustainable communities](#) provides information on how societies can adapt to the most severe impacts - such as heatwaves and flooding, with adequate planning.

It can be downloaded from the [DH website](#).

Resources

[The National Library for Public Health](#)

The National Library for Public Health (NLPH) is an online specialist library of the National Library for Health. The library has been developed to provide high quality evidence e-based information on all aspects of public health.

It is designed for those working in the field of public health by providing a single source of access to web-based evidence on public health.

[Health, place and nature](#) - Sustainable Development Commission

The new Health, place and nature knowledge base and slide-set explore ways of creating and maintaining natural and built environments that respect environmental limits and promote strong communities and physical activity. They show how this can improve opportunities for health.

[Commissioning guidelines](#) - NICE

In April NICE published a further two new commissioning guides to help the NHS in England effectively commission evidence-based care for patients. The guides cover the following services:

- Faecal incontinence
- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for common mental health problems

[MyAction](#)

MyAction is a nurse-prescriber led integrated community based multidisciplinary vascular prevention programme for individuals at high cardiovascular risk and their families. It is based on the largest ever European-wide preventive cardiology project, EUROACTION, which spanned eight countries (including the UK) and 24 hospital and general practice centres, in a cluster randomised controlled trial.

MyAction is looking to partner with Directors of Public Health, Primary Care Trusts and Leisure Trusts to set up this innovative evidence-based family-based vascular prevention programme across all areas of the country.

For further information contact Annie Holden, Manager for MyAction UK.

Events

APRIL 2008

[Global Health: Current Issues, Future Trends and Foreign Policy](#)

29 April 2008
London
Royal College of Physicians of London

[Managing and Marketing Public Health - engaging with the public to achieve lifestyle change](#)

30 April 2008
London
The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust

MAY 2008

[The 8th Plymouth Symposium on Obesity, Diabetes and the Metabolic Syndrome](#)

8 May 2008
Plymouth
Peninsula Medical School in conjunction with Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust

[Genetic Susceptibility Testing](#)

8 May 2008
Birmingham
The Society for Genomics Policy and Population Health (SGPPH)

[Why Children Die](#)

14 May 2008
British Library, London
CEMACH

[Places to go?](#)

20 May 2008
London
Sustrans, Play England, Living Streets and the National Children's Bureau in London

[ADPH Annual Conference](#)

20 May 2008
London
Association of Directors of Public Health

[Value of Life - Value of Death](#)

21 May 2008
Sheffield Hallam University
UK Clinical Ethics Network

[**Culturally healthy? – The cultural Olympiad, an opportunity for health?**](#)

29 May 2008

London

Royal Society of Medicine, Epidemiology & Public Health Section

JUNE 2008

[**Challenging Problems, Sharing Solutions - FPH Annual Conference**](#)

3-5 June 2008

Cardiff

FPH & Welsh Assembly Government

[**Infectious Diseases: Problems and Challenges**](#)

18 June 2008

Edinburgh

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

[**Carbon Reduction & Health: a guide to reducing the footprint of the health sector**](#)

30 June-4 July 2008

London

Faculty of Public Health, BMJ , Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

[**One world, one disease**](#)

28 June 2008

London

The Royal Society of Medicine and The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

[**UCL Health & Society Summer School:**](#)

[**Social Determinants of Health & International Health**](#)

30 June-4 July 2008

London

University College London

July 2008

[**Fat chances - What is the future of health and food?**](#)

7-8 July 2008

West Bromwich

Sandwell's Other Economic Summit 6

September 2008

[**Health Protection 2008**](#)

15-17 September 2008
University of Warwick
Health Protection Agency

[Society for Social Medicine Annual Scientific Meeting 2008](#)

17-19 September 2008
University of Southampton
Society for Social Medicine

[World Social Marketing Conference](#)

29-30 September 2008
Brighton & Hove
National Social Marketing Centre

OCTOBER 2008

**[Health Impact Assessment & Sustainable Well-being
9th International HIA conference](#)**

9-10 October 2008
Liverpool
IMPACT, University of Liverpool

[Priorities 2008](#)

29-31 October 2008
Conference of the International Society for Priorities in Health Care
Newcastle Gateshead

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