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From the President

Liverpool – the international city of culture – is abuzz with animated street-corner conversations about rap-jazz fusion, Brit-pop installations and, this week, the subtle art of developing the public health workforce.

At the UKPHA's Annual Public Health Forum the Faculty of Public Health will be co-hosting a workshop on the **Public Health Skills and Careers Framework** and how best to make use of it with trainers, managers and employers.

The Framework has been painstakingly put together over the past two years by a consortium of partner agencies funded by the Department of Health. It provides a flexible approach to skills development, competency standards and career planning at all levels of public health practice. More than a ladder – it's a climbing frame.

The next steps will be to extend the principles of standard-setting, portfolio-building and assessment methods – familiar at specialist level – to public health practitioners and the wider public health workforce. It will bring real coherence and a sense of progression to the many career paths in public health.

At UKPHA we'll be asking the workshop participants how they will use the Framework, what barriers they perceive and what support they might need. If you can't get to Liverpool, we would still welcome your thoughts.

We look forward to hearing from you

Best wishes
Alan

- **The FPH session will take place at the UKPHA Forum at 15.15 on Tuesday 1 April**

- Further information on the FPH's work around practitioner development is available on p18 in the [March ph.com](#)

FPH Annual Conference REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The FPH Annual Conference takes place in Cardiff on 3-5 June and is being organised in partnership with the Welsh Assembly Government. The programme for the conference has been drafted and is available on the website.

To date, confirmed keynote speakers include:

- Derek Wanless,
- Michael Pitt (Chair NHS South West),
- Jonathon Porritt (Chairman of the UK Sustainable Development Commission), and
- Deidre Hutton (Chair of Food Standards Agency).

Book your place in Cardiff today at www.publichealthconferences.org.uk/annual.

FPH Website – Exams Section

The examination section of the FPH website has recently been re-structured to improve navigation and consistency for those seeking information on the Part A and Part B MFPH examinations.

Various policies and procedures have been updated and are available on the website, including the FPH Examinations Policy for Candidates with Dyslexia and other Disabilities. Other procedures that have been revised include the process involved with applications for additional attempts at the examinations, the submission of extenuating circumstances forms and the procedures in the examination hall on the day of the Part A examination.

Please see the FPH website at www.fph.org.uk/exams.

CPD reminder - last day to submit

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

All FPH members must meet minimum continuing professional development 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 wish to discuss your CPD requirements, please contact your [regional/country CPD Co-ordinator](#).

Carbon reduction and the health sector

The BMJ, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and FPH are hosting an event on **30 June** in London to look at ways to reduce the carbon footprint of the NHS.

Speakers include David Pencheon, Mayer Hillman, Hugh Montgomery and Tom Cumberledge of the Carbon Trust.

The event includes workshops on how to measure your carbon footprint and 'green-up' your office. Places are limited so book now to secure yours.

[Further information and registration form](#) [pdf]

Health professionals recognise the benefits of work

FPH is one of more than 30 professional bodies who are signatories to Health Professionals Consensus Statement on the benefits of work for health and wellbeing.

The statement was developed by Health Work Wellbeing, a government-led initiative to improve the health and wellbeing of working age people.

Further information on the statement is available on the [working for health website](#).

FPH online members' area

April will see the launch of the FPH online members' area. This secure section of our website will allow you to update your membership details online and will contain the new and improved CPD system.

If you currently use our online CPD service, rest assured that records held in our existing system will be transferred to the new one. Your current login details will also still be valid.

If you do not yet use the online system you will be able to create an account and keep FPH updated on your latest details. Further online services are currently being developed and the system will be extended in the near future.

Keep an eye on your inbox for the launch notification in the next couple of weeks.

Working in Developing Countries

In response to a number of important UK Government initiatives on global health, FPH's International Committee 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 being held on **23 April 2008** in central London. Download the registration form and view the draft programme on the [FPH events website](#).

NICE commissioning guidelines

In March the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) published two new commissioning guides to help the NHS in England effectively commission evidence-based care for

patients. The guides cover the following services:

- [Cardiac rehabilitation](#)
- [Heart failure for the management of chronic heart failure](#)

Each commissioning guide signposts and provides topic-specific information on key clinical and service-related issues to consider during the commissioning process. They also offer an indicative benchmark of activity to help commissioners determine the level of service needed locally.

Further details are available on the [NICE website](#).

Events

APRIL 2008

UKPHA Annual Conference

1-2 April 2008
Liverpool
UKPHA

For further information see: [UKPHA website](#)

Working in Developing Countries

23 April 2008
London
FPH

For further information see: [FPH events website](#)

Global Health: Current Issues, Future Trends and Foreign Policy

29 April 2008
London
Royal College of Physicians of London

For further information see: [RCP London website](#)

Why Children Die

30 April 2008
British Library, London
CEMACH

For further information see: [CEMACH website](#)

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

For further information contact [Kerry Godley-Mcavoy](#) or see the [symposium flyer](#) [pdf]

ADPH Annual Conference

20 May 2008

London

Association of Directors of Public Health

For further information see the [ADPH website](#)

Value of Life - Value of Death

21 May 2008

Sheffield Hallam University

UK Clinical Ethics Network

For further information see: [UK Clinical Ethics Network website](#)

Culturally healthy? – The cultural Olympiad, an opportunity for health?

29 May 2008

London

Royal Society of Medicine, Epidemiology & Public Health Section

For further information see: [RSM website](#)

JUNE 2008

Challenging Problems, Sharing Solutions FPH Annual Conference

3-5 June 2008

Cardiff

FPH & Welsh Assembly Government

See the [FPH Annual Conference webpage](#)

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

Download the [registration form](#) [pdf] for further details.

**UCL Health & Society Summer School:
Social Determinants of Health & International Health**

30 June-4 July 2008

London

University College London

See the [flyer](#) [pdf] for further details.

September 2008

Health Protection 2008

15-17 September 2008

University of Warwick

Health Protection Agency

See the [HPA website](#) for further details.

Society for Social Medicine Annual Scientific Meeting 2008

17-19 September 2008

University of Southampton

Society for Social Medicine

See the [SSM website](#) for further details.

World Social Marketing Conference

29-30 September 2008

Brighton & Hove

National Social Marketing Centre

See the [conference website](#) for further details.

OCTOBER 2008

**Health Impact Assessment & Sustainable Well-being
9th International HIA conference**

9-10 October 2008

Liverpool

IMPACT, University of Liverpool

See the [HIA conference website](#) for further details.

Priorities 2008

29-31 October 2008

Conference of the International Society for Priorities in Health Care
Newcastle Gateshead

See the [flyer](#) [word] for further details.

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