
MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY 1 JUNE 2010.

REPORT ON ZIEH/CIEH NORTH WEST REGION TWINNING

1. After a lull in information coming from ZIEH, we are now able to report that their third newsletter has been published and is now available for information.
2. We would like to take this opportunity to invite those members who have previously supported the twinning by becoming International members of ZIEH, to renew their membership for 2010, and to invite all members of the Management Board to become International members as a practical demonstration of support for our professional colleagues in Zambia. The cost is £10 and brings much needed funds to the ZIEH to enable their administration to function.
3. It is gratifying to report that the first intake of 21 students on the new BSc Environmental Health 5 year degree course have now graduated from the University of Zambia.
4. Fordson Nyirenda, the Chief EHO for the Zambian Ministry of Health retired officially in May 2009 but reports he is still "hanging around" at the Ministry until being formally released.
5. We are hopeful that our application for a Commonwealth Fellow this year will result in a ZIEH member visiting us later in the year. More details in the Commonwealth Fellowship 2010 update report.
6. Barrie and Natasha will be visiting Zambia in July and will be holding meetings with ZIEH colleagues to discuss a number of different issues, including our future support for the twinning with ZIEH.
7. As the ZIEH/CIEH twinning arrangement enters its ninth year it is time to reflect on how we can continue support for the initial aims of the twinning agreement, which were:
 - offering assistance to our professional colleagues where this is appropriate
 - pursuing and developing acquaintances amongst our respective membership
 - making a significant and continuing contribution to improving the understanding of worldwide environmental health

- continuing to develop our relationship over time, by mutual consent and agreement.

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