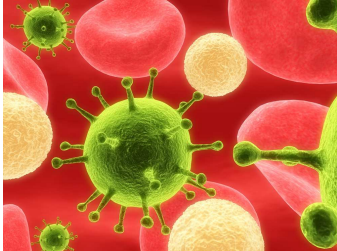




South East Region News

Region sets out workplan with HPA



The Region met with HPA director Graham Bickler in early January to work out how we can help EHPs and HPA work more closely together

The meeting was very successful and a number of joint projects are planned:

- Agreed to assist the HPA SE to set up a EH student placement and to arrange placements for HPA trainees to go to Local Authorities for air pollution training and to gain understanding of the Local Government environment.
- To arrange a number of joint training events in each county to facilitate networking and further local joint working
- To meet again, with interested EHPs, to brainstorm HPA/EH joint research topics, to include work on ill-health and air pollution.
- To arrange a one day forum for EH & HPA to consider climate change and its health implications.

These actions will take place over the next 24 months and members will be kept updated via the SE website www.cieh.org/southeast . If you are interested in contributing to any of these events/projects please contact: patriciajefford@btinternet.com

Oxfordshire Branch Update

We are currently contacting Oxfordshire chiefs to seek their support for a branch. The region now has 5 members interested in restarting an Oxfordshire CIEH branch. If you would like to join them at a meeting to discuss next steps contact: am_higgins@hotmail.com

Successful December Forum



The Region held a very successful December forum in High Wycombe. The eco-venue was organised by Bucks branch and delegates came from

across the region. Speakers from

- HSE on safety on open farms and the new capacity building toolkit
- LGE on health and wellbeing in the workplace
- And two excellent H&S best practice presentations

were well received (97% of people voting good or very good) and our speaker from Go Ape!, outlining an alternative view of risk, prompted a lively debate and received almost unanimous positive feedback.

The second part of the day was devoted to how the Region is progressing with developing its student placement project (for more details see page 2)

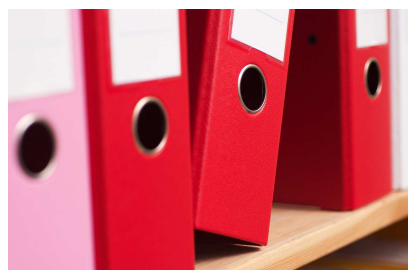
New Chair & Vice Chair



The South Eastern Region Management Board Chair for 2010 is Jennifer Folliard, with a background in local government, she works for Reading university as a health and safety advisor and is very active in student EHP support.

Stuart Taylor our new Vice Chair is a CIEH Trustee, was part of the team that restarted the Berkshire branch whilst working at Reading council, and now works for Guildford council in Private Sector Housing.

Student Placement Project



The Region continues its work on improving the number of student placements in the SE region, we held a successful seminar in July

with key SE region stakeholder including: Chiefs EHOs from each County; Food Standards Agency; HPA; Local Government Employers, and HSE.

The seminar has produced a report which outlines the actions the group believed the region could take to help increase the number of placements for EHP students. Those include:

- Investigate apprenticeships for public sector employers
- Create a regional training directory similar to the Wales project & work with LG and independent/industry EHPs to create a number of short term placements
- Work on supporting collaborations between councils and other regional government bodies.
- Explore SE authorities joining the London collaboration .

To see the report and a full list of actions go to: http://www.cieh.org/members/south_east_student_placement.html

Student Collaboration Project

London have already agreed that SE authorities can join their collaboration project. In this scheme the London policy officer advertises and interviews students who live, or study, in London and South Eas. Students are selected and matched to consortia boroughs, with the consortia paying the student a bursary twice a year.

It is a great scheme which allows authorities to take on students at a very reduced cost. The region intends to contact heads of service about this development directly in the near future.

For more information or to participate in these projects contact project lead: nigel.haverson@talktalk.net

Student Placement Directory

We will also be in contact with members, particularly heads of service and independent EHPs, to explain how the student placement directory will work, and how you can take part.

This is likely to be via a launch event in the spring.

Joint Regions Seminar

The SE & London region two day seminar will not take place this year. The region is looking for a volunteer to act as part of the organisation team, this involves 2 or 3 meetings a year and some organisational work.

Anyone interested should contact southeast@cieh.org

Dates for your diary

The South East region will be holding our FREE forums on the following dates in 2010:

18th March – South East Regional Forum - Runnymede Council – *'Investigations and evidence – learning from experience'*.

To register contact southeast@cieh.org

17th June – SE Regional Forum (full day), Reading University.

29th September - SE Regional forum (1/2 day), Gravesham, Kent.

8th December - SE Regional forum (1/2 day) Oxfordshire

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