

# South East Region News

## Full sail ahead for Hampshire



Following the successful set up of the Hampshire branch earlier this year the SE region held a successful forum in Winchester in September.

Organised by the new committee, the day focussed on 'what future for the EHP' with presentations from new CIEH director of policy Tim Everett and Alan Blundell of the Greater Manchester Authorities partnership project among others.

Alan's presentation outlined their 'one regulatory inspector approach' and was an interesting view on what many believe will be the future. Whilst Tim Everett focussed on how he believes global trends will change to focus of the EHPs work. He will set the challenge to the profession to be flexible to fit the changing priorities of a changing world.

Annie Righton of the Hampshire branch outlined the results of their survey of EHPs in Hampshire which has allowed the branch to shape the way it will function to support its members. The report will be useful in our work planned for early 2010 with the Oxfordshire members to promote a branch there.

For more information on the presentations go to: [www.cieh.org/members/south\\_east\\_news.html](http://www.cieh.org/members/south_east_news.html)

## SE meeting regional stakeholders

The SE region was due to meet with Director of HPA SE in September to discuss enabling joint working and research between HPA and CIEH members.

Unfortunately due to the Godstone farm outbreak the meeting was postponed, we will keep you posted on the outcomes of that future meeting.

## Training students in the SE



The CIEH has estimated that there are on average 650 students annually who complete the Environmental Health Degree/MSc but 400 fail to complete their training because they cannot find suitable student placement(s).

To ensure the profession is sustainable in the South East the Region has made it one of its key priorities to ensure an adequate number of placements are provided in the SE.

To try to identify ways in which the SE Region can support the creation of more student placements we held a seminar of key stakeholders over the summer. The seminar identified a number of issues, including an increase in the number of 'in house' students (technical officers) a reduction in training budgets across Local Government and a lack of a SE EH university to act as a focus.

The seminar has set a number of challenging actions for the SE region which include:

- Investigate apprenticeships (with support from SE employers organisation)
- Work on supporting LG collaborations in funding/training a student. Including guidance/training on the legalities and logistical problems and exploring SE authorities joining the London collaboration.
- Create a regional training directory similar to the Wales.

Project leader Nigel Haverson is already in talks with London to discuss the possibility of SE region authorities joining the London student collaboration project. For further developments, to see a full report or for more information go to:

[www.cieh.org/members/south\\_east\\_student\\_placement.html](http://www.cieh.org/members/south_east_student_placement.html).

## SE region annual report

The South East region has submitted its annual report to CIEH HQ as part of the regions budget planning process introduced this year.

The process aims to make the work of all the CIEH regions more transparent and allows resources to be allocated on the basis of work done and CPD provided by each region.

The SE region has achieved a great deal in the last year including the two projects outlined in this newsletter and also:

- Organising 3 full day and two ½ day Forum around the region, providing free CPD for members.
- Arranging a successful two day conference for members.
- Reinvigorating the Hampshire Branch
- Making contact with a number of potential regional partners, including HPA, Food Standards Agency and GOSE.

In addition to this the south east's branches have arranged high quality low cost CPD events, in particular Buckinghamshire which have organised a huge number of excellent events.

The full report is available on the SE website. Go to:

[www.cieh.org/members/south\\_east\\_annual\\_report.html](http://www.cieh.org/members/south_east_annual_report.html)

## Joint Regions Seminar

London & the SE regions hold a joint regions seminar every year in March at Guildford University. The seminar aims to bring together a number of high quality speakers with topical views which would be of interest to EH practitioners.

The organising committee are looking for a new member to help organise the event, so if you want to get the experience of organising such an event, and meet a wide range of EH professional as part of the process, then you might want to get involved. Volunteers would need to commit to around 3 to 4 meetings a year and be enthusiastic!!

Contact [southeast@cieh.org](mailto:southeast@cieh.org) to find out more.

## Buckinghamshire SE region forum

The region will be holding its December forum in Buckinghamshire and this full day FREE event will focus on Health and Safety with speakers confirmed to talk about:

- Safety in farms open to the public
- Go Ape! Challenging the perception of risk
- Workplace transport prosecution case study
- HSE secn 18 capacity toolkit

Details of the event, including further speakers, can be viewed at:

[www.cieh.org/members/south\\_east\\_events.html](http://www.cieh.org/members/south_east_events.html)

The event will take place in High Wycombe on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December and is FREE to CIEH members.

To register your place email [southeast@cieh.org](mailto:southeast@cieh.org)

## Dates for your diary

Next year's SE region forums will take place on the following dates:

- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Surrey
- 17<sup>th</sup> June – Reading, Berkshire
- 16<sup>th</sup> September – Kent
- 9<sup>th</sup> December - Oxfordshire

## Oxfordshire

Thank you to those of you who volunteered to help rejuvenate the Oxfordshire branch following our last newsletter.

With a meeting planned in the new year to scope out the way the project might progress we are still interested to hear from EHPs living or working in Oxfordshire who would be interested in helping establish a branch and network. If you are interested contact [southeast@cieh.org](mailto:southeast@cieh.org)

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