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Signal Times – January 2011

Dear member

Welcome to the first edition of our monthly journal for 2011

A very good start has been made to the year with the enrolment of yet more new members and a number of very tasty job/work opportunities for inclusion in this edition of Signal Times. In addition there are a number of new and exciting initiatives included in the business plan for 2011 (Note. Copy to be included in the next edition after confirmation by the management board) and an outline of these proposals can be seen further on.

Looking back to 2010 it was pleasing to note as I was producing the 4th quarter progress report (copy in the appendix) how the activity generated in the first three quarters continued right up until year end, culminating with the highly enjoyable Christmas Seminar & Lunch on Friday 10th December.

I trust that all members have received the information on the Governments public health discussion document: “Healthy Lives, Healthy People” that I forwarded from Sharon Smith, Strategic Projects Director, CIEH. This contains relevant links to access both the proposals and the CIEH guide and commentary – please consider these and send your responses as directed.

It will be most valuable if members provide wide ranging and relevant comment as this will demonstrate both the multi-skilled nature of our profession (particularly in the C&I sector) and underline the commitment to maintaining highest standards that exists within the public health community

Do it!!

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C&I Events – 2011 Proposals

Whilst the Management Board still has to approve the final programme of events for next year the following outline will provide information on exactly what is being considered –

- 1) Spring Seminar – Northern Venue (Provisionally Chesterfield FC)
This is broadly scheduled for May and will have a very “Modern” theme reflecting the changes that are happening within the profession
More details in a later edition
- 2) Evening Professional Interchange/Networking Session
A very successful event on these lines was held at a London venue in July 2009 and it seems timely to repeat the exercise later this year – possibly at a regional location and in association with the CIEH Region
- 3) Annual Members Meeting – Provisionally September
Venue to be advised
- 4) Autumn Seminar
Under consideration - possibly a joint venture with a CIEH Region
- 5) Christmas Seminar & Lunch
Venue, date and seminar programme to be advised

Other Events

Greenwoods Solicitors LLP, Peterborough

Information provided as follows:-

Tuesday 1st February 2011

We hope you will be able to join our Health & Safety Managers' Forum on 1 February 2011 to find out more about the Occupational Safety Consultants

Register (OSCR) which launches the same day.

The aim of the OSCR is to help organisations locate consultants with the highest qualifications and relevant experience.

It is the result of two years of research into the standards in the consultancy sector by the HSE and a recommendation from Lord Young following his recent report which considered the state of health and safety in Britain.

At the Forum we will discuss:

- How you can become a Registered Safety Consultant*
- The effect of non-registration*
- How the HSE expect the OSCR will operate*

For more information about the event [click here](#)

Our Health & Safety Managers' Forum is free of charge to attend.

To reserve your place [click here](#) and complete the on-line booking form. Alternatively telephone the booking hotline on 01733 887606.

I am sure you will find the update interesting and practical and I hope that you will be able to attend. However, if someone else within your organisation would be a more appropriate attendee, then please let us know or, alternatively, please pass this information on to them.

Yours sincerely

KATHRYN GILBERTSON
for and on behalf of
GREENWOODS SOLICITORS LLP

CIEH - 2011 Events

Year Ahead for Regulatory Services

Working together for better outcomes

Thursday 10 and Friday 11 February 2011
Barceló Hinckley Island Hotel – Hinckley, Leicestershire

The TSI, in partnership with LGR, LBRO and CIEH invite you to join them for the 2011 Year Ahead event.

To find out more and book your place please click [here](#) or contact Jacqui Guerreiro on 01268 582202

Practical training workshop on Lasers and IPLs:

Understanding and applying best practice safety techniques

February 2011 - London

Once more, CIEH has teamed up with HABIA to bring you the essential event in health and safety in the beauty industry.

Combining legislative updates and practical sessions on best practice, inspection techniques and risk assessment this workshop will leave EHPs appropriately equipped to ensure better health and safety practices for laser and IPLs.

This workshop will be accredited with CIEH CPD.

For more information and to book online please click [here](#)

Putting Sense back into Health and Safety

Thursday 10 March – London

This conference is an unmissable opportunity to hear Lord Young detail the findings of his health and safety review.

You will gain valuable insight in the future of Health and Safety within businesses and local authorities.

This event is also a unique chance to discuss the role Health and Safety with senior regulatory managers and industry and training professionals brought together by the CIEH.

This conference is accredited with 5 hours and 10 minutes of CIEH CPD.

For more information and to book online please click [here](#)

President's Awards

To: Regions and Branch Secretaries and Executive Officers. Members of Council

Dear Colleague,

It is the time of year when the CIEH seeks nominations for a number of awards, namely the President's Awards and the Parliamentarian of the Year Award. The three categories for President's awards are:

- Individual EHP (member of the profession)
- Individual non-EHP
- Organisation

I am writing to invite you to nominate individuals or organisations as appropriate that you believe have made a significant and distinctive contribution to environmental health and whose work has contributed to improved public health whether at community level or on the larger

stage (whether in the UK or beyond). I should add that it is open to individuals to make nominations, they do not have to be made on behalf of the Branch or Region, nor is it necessary to nominate in every category. Any member of the CIEH is free to submit a nomination but this should be supported by no more than 500 words of supporting evidence to enable the judging panel (the Chairman of Council, Chief Executive and myself) make a decision. Submissions should be received by 1 March 2011.

I would also like you to consider and as appropriate nominate any Parliamentarians whose work in environmental and public health you feel the CIEH should properly recognise. This may be because an MP or MEP (or an MP or MEP in the Region) has been particularly supportive on environmental health issues whether with the Region as a whole or with an individual member over the past 12 months. Again nominations should be received by 1 March 2011. It would be helpful to provide some information to support the nomination and this should be restricted to about 250 words.

2011 will be my last year as President and so I look forward to a good response. I think these awards should be seen as real recognition of outstanding contributions to environmental health and highlight the important contribution of environmental health activity to improved public health.

Yours sincerely

Dr Stephen Battersby
President

Low Cost Training

Dear colleagues

Low cost online learning zones endorsed by EHRB

The EHRB would like to draw CIEH members' attention to an attractive new and growing online learning resource for enforcement officers created by CPD Access Ltd. The site can be found at <http://www.cpd-access.com/>. The site has received the Board's endorsement and is a recognised route to low-cost CPD. The activities on the site will contribute to CPD Food Safety requirements both for return to work food enforcers as well as ongoing FSA CPD requirements. The courses are interactive, effective and efficient learning tools.

A key benefit of the site is that it maintains the officer's CPD record, which like the courses, can be accessed at any time.

At £99 (+VAT) per zone, a 12-month subscription can make a valuable contribution in satisfying one's CPD requirement.

The CPD Access site was launched at the September 'Best of the Best' conference in Telford and received positive feedback. "Great value for money" was the most frequent comment. Currently the site has 2 learning zones:

· <http://food.cpd-access.com/> - authored by Dr Lisa Ackerley and her team at Hygiene Audit Systems

· <http://enf.cpd-access.com/> - authored by CPD Access Director Michael Bowery Solicitor and Chartered EHP.

Additional zones including health and safety, street scene and pest control are planned in the near future. For enquiries about the site e mail info@cpd-access.com

EHPs using the site are advised to make use of the CIEH enhanced CPD form which is a means of extracting maximum benefit from CPD
http://www.cieh.org/professional_development/CPD.html.

Kind regards
Gary
Gary Telfer Principal Education Officer

Request for Help - Feedback

Last month I included the following request from Liz Huband, the C&I SIG Representative on LACORS FH Focus Group -

Hi Peter

I attended the Food Hygiene focus group yesterday and seek members opinions on the following:

-LACORS is at threat from funding cuts, this may mean that the food group would be disbanded, It would be good to get feedback from the group on the value of guidance issued by them and where the link to the FSA might come from if this were not to continue?

- What do members think of a proposal to reduce the time on an HIN from 14 to say 7 days or shorter?*
- What would members think of sharing microbiological results where they have established a supply from a non EU country is compromised? It may be possible to create a link to the HPA?*
- Finally, besides the obvious accreditation bodies BRC etc, what accreditation bodies do members rely on for supplier warranty?*

Member: Barrie Trevena replied to this request very quickly, with the following advice that may be of interest to other members –

Hi Liz

I saw your request in the C&I SIG 'Signal Times' and would like to ensure you are aware of the relatively new SOFHT Certification Scheme? I have successfully helped one of my clients (a wholesale fruit & vegetable business) through the straightforward online application process and it is a very good 'scaled down' alternative to BRC and to an extent SALSA

I am happy to provide further details if required, or of course you can contact SOFHT directly and/or have a look at their website <http://www.sofht.co.uk>

Kind regards

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Job Vacancies/Work Opportunity

Three items of interest this month, starting with an excellent opportunity for student members, quite fittingly entered by our MB Student Member: Emma Davies –

1) Asda Trading Law team are looking to employ four students wanting to complete a placement within the private sector. You will be working in a highly motivated team in a fast moving work environment and learn how environmental health works within the private sector by working with colleagues from stores and depots.

This is a 13 month paid placement based in Asda House, Leeds beginning summer 2011. To apply please send a copy of your CV and a covering letter to....

Emma Davies- 07772226818 (emma.davies@asda.co.uk)

or

Charlotte Kent- 07779700456 (charlotte.kent@asda.co.uk)

Closing date for applications is Monday 14th February 2011

2) Next from David Denton, International Business Development Director, CHGL

I've been alerted to an opportunity working on border control food inspection in Saudi Arabia. The client is the World Bank, and I presume the task is to develop Saudi systems and capacity on imported food control. They are looking for a recognised expert in imported food control.

Anyone interested should email me their CV or express their interest to me by email (I'm overseas and can't reliably handle telephone calls!). Then, as appropriate, I'll make the introductions.

David Denton

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Winners of the [Cathay Pacific](#) New Horizons China business award for 2009

3) Evans Vanodine International plc, the Preston-based manufacturer of cleaning and hygiene chemicals, has a vacancy for a Technical Manager.

The position relates to food process cleaning and hygiene applications and involves the steering, development and authorisation of the Evans Vanodine food process range of cleaning and disinfection products in its international and UK markets. The position is based out of the Preston factory and will involve some international and European travel and coordination with the Evans overseas production unit in the Middle East.

The position is permanent, exciting and offers the right candidate the opportunity to be in the forefront of a strategic expansion in the Evans Vanodine portfolio and activities.

The successful applicant will be experienced in the chemistry, application and use of all types of cleaning and hygiene chemicals across the food process industry and capable of managing cleaning product accreditation with equipment manufacturers.

The position carries a competitive package and good career prospects.

Applications in writing with CV and salary expectation to:
Peter Thompson, Evans Vanodine International plc, Brierley Road, Walton Summit,
Preston, Lancs PR5 8AH.

And Finally

Don't forget to read the Appendix (below) for the C&I SIG 4th Quarter Progress Report 2010

That's It!

Regards

Peter

Appendix

Progress Report – 4th Quarter 2010

Introduction

This report covers the period from 1st October to 31st December 2010 and encompasses the following C&I SIG events and activities –

- Joint Seminar with London Region 1st/2nd November – Report
- Christmas Seminar & Lunch – Friday 10th December
- Executive Officer – Key activity for the period
- Student Support – Update
- 2010 Business Plan - Review
- Year end financial review – Hon. Treasurer

1) Joint Event with London Region – Monday/Tuesday 1st/2nd November

A very successful event that was attended by 100-plus members of the LR and the C&I SIG over the two days

Speakers on the first day were –

Food Safety - David Kidney, CIEH Head of Policy/Jenny Morris, CIEH Policy Officer / Carol Milligan/Kate Harris, LB Islington / Douglas Noble, HPA / Paul Haythornthwaite, Plasma Clean (Sponsor)

Health and Safety - Jonathan Hayes, Moto Hospitality /Andrew Bradley, LB Merton / Stress Solutions, Helen McGill, HSE / Festus Ebojoh, HABIA / Steve Shutler, Asbestos Management

And on the second day -

Health and Safety - Bond Pearce (Sponsor) / Hilary Ross - Health & Safety – Enforcement & Sentencing / Lord Young - *'2010 review of health and safety'* / Barbara Hockey, HSE / Sarah Franklin, Global SKM

Food Safety - Mark Flanagan, Shield / James Armitage, LB Westminster / Bond Pearce (Dominic Watkins) / Ros Seal, ODA / Sustain, Kath Dalmeny / John Barnes, FSA

Support for this event indicated that joint ventures with CIEH Regions can be an effective means of building interest and attendance. This has been taken into consideration in the 2011 Business Plan

2) Christmas Seminar & Lunch – Friday 10th December 2010

Venue

Central Park Hotel, Queensborough Terrace, Bayswater, London W2 3SS

Report

31 members attended the event and enjoyed a highly entertaining seminar in the morning followed by pre-lunch drinks and networking and then a first class 5-course lunch

At the seminar member: Dr Lisa Ackerley (Hygiene Audit Systems) covered her experiences of working with BBC Television on a variety of hygiene-related programmes and topics and gave an array of examples and incidents that had occurred during the making of these. Members attending have given very complimentary feedback on Lisa's entertaining presentation – warmest thanks are extended to her for the time and effort involved in supporting this event

Members: Graham Shepherd & Mike Simpson provided an illustrated update on practice for their forthcoming 50th anniversary 80-mile Army "Hike". Nothing worthwhile is achieved without effort and these two well known and longstanding (army) members of the group have certainly expended blood, sweat and tears on their practice sessions – with the real challenge yet to come

Again, attendees report that this was a highly entertaining session that raised a tidy sum for the CIEH and Charity

3) Executive Officer's Activity – 4th Quarter 2010

- Three editions of Signal Times journal (October/November/December) produced and circulated via e-mail
- C&I SIG Report for the year October 2009/September 2010 (as presented to the CIEH) circulated to all members with the October journal
- Post-meeting administration in connection with the AMM held on Tuesday 21st September completed
- Pre-event administration in connection with the joint LR/C&I SIG Event and the Christmas Seminar & Lunch carried out
- Regular updating of the C&I e-mail address list acting on information supplied by Reuben Runghasawmi (CIEH Membership). Total membership now approx 800 people, of which 650 have e-mail
- Confirming C&I representation on CIEH Boards & Committees with Frances Mathews (CIEH) and relevant MB members
- Ongoing support for members via e-mail, telephone and occasional post.

4) Student Support

Following the nomination of MB members: Tessa Blewchamp and David Natolie as student support officers and the appointment of Emma Davies (Asda) as the student member on the board the C&I SIG is well placed to create and deliver increased support for student members (Note. Over 100 in the group now)

In preparation for 2011 the Executive Officer has revisited the proposal made by Katherine Jones (UWE Bristol) regarding a half-day “Workshop” to be attended by local C&I Members at a date to be agreed (NB. 3 volunteers to date).

Outline format to be a short presentation from each C&I member on their role & responsibilities, followed by questions and discussion with student attendees on a range of topics of their choice

Feedback awaited

5) Business Plan 2010 – Review

A number of important objectives (e.g. Successful seminars, working with CIEH regions, maintaining ongoing communication with members, production of 11 e-mail editions of Signal Times plus one edition for hard copy mailing to all members, ongoing support to the CIEH) have been achieved – all within budget. A start has been made on improving support for student members and this will be progressed in 2011

A problem area that remains is ensuring that the C&I SIG website is kept up to date The Executive Officer currently sends copy each month of “Signal Times” journal for inclusion and regularly advises where existing website information is no longer applicable.

However, this is perhaps insufficient – to be discussed with the relevant people at the CIEH.

Regular submissions of suitable material for the monthly CIEH Membership Newsletter have been made

6) Year end Financial Review – Hon. Treasurer

As promised, herewith a quick note about the financial position at the end of 2010.

End of year bank balance	£ 5347.35
Float held by Exec Officer	£1000. 00
CASH Total	£ 6347.35

Add Debtors	£450.00
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Funding for 2011

Funding for 2011 has been set at just over £8000. This level of funding should be sufficient to maintain the current level of activity within the Group.

Mike Bailey

Peter Bird – Executive Officer

