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## INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2010. I would like to start off with a request to all members to ensure they update their contact details with HQ if you move or change, especially your e-mail details. This is specially important for our growing student membership as it is very difficult to keep you informed if your emails bounce back after you leave university. I will normally try to contact by another method, writing if I have address details, or text if I have a mobile number, failing that a direct phone call sometimes puts me in touch with your parents! It would be a shame if lack of current details led to lost opportunities.

### CIEH INTERNATIONAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT.

At the last meeting of the ISIG management Board, discussions were held to develop an International Policy document and it was suggested that ISIG members might wish to feed into this process. It is hoped that a draft document will be flagged up to the Policy Development Board in March for agreement in June. We are aware that currently International activities are fragmented, uncoordinated and lacking strategic focus, but there is a strong informal network. If you have ideas on where you would like us to be and how to get there, why not get in touch?

### FACEBOOK GROUP

ISIG has a Facebook Group which you can join and get some discussion going. It can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=85855520762>. Perhaps someone would like to start a thread to discuss International Policy content, or just let us know what your interests in ISIG are?

## SO YOU THINK YOU WANT TO BE A DEVELOPMENT WORKER?

There may be an opportunity to arrange a one day introductory course for people interested in development work, which might be at relatively short notice (March/April time) and we would like to gauge interest from our membership. Possibly held in London, would you be interested if free, or if a nominal contribution to costs was charged? We would need the numbers to make it a success so a quick "count me interested" would be welcome.

## SOLAR POWER

Thanks to Viv Mason for sending this photo of a solar cooker, taken at Anapurna Base Camp. A quick web search reveals a wealth of information and online forums about solar cooking, including the fact that the first solar cooker was built in 1725 so it's not exactly new technology. They are also currently being used in Haiti following their devastating earthquake.



Whilst on the subject of Solar power, you may also be interested in checking out the SODIS website at ([http://www.sodis.ch/index\\_en](http://www.sodis.ch/index_en)) for information on solar water disinfection.

## BUILD Newsletter

The latest BUILD Newsletter has been made available and includes ISIG President Peter Minhinnett's report of involvement on behalf of CIEH with Dr Luis Sambo of the WHO and the commonwealth fellowships. There are also some other interesting items including Gold Star Communities in Wales which Members may find interesting.

You can find back issues of their newsletters at:

<http://www.build-online.org.uk/news/?c=90&catTitle=Quarterly+Newsletters>

For the travellers amongst you...

### 2nd All Africa Environmental Health Congress

There seems to have been quite a bit of interest in this event, so in case you missed the details it is titled "Environmental Health – the key to a better life for all" and will be held on 24th – 27th May 2010 in Lilongwe, Malawi

Go to [http://www.ifeh.org/africa/Call\\_for\\_abstracts.pdf](http://www.ifeh.org/africa/Call_for_abstracts.pdf) for more details

### 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Symposium - California Environmental Health Association

Will be held 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at the convention centre in Riverside California. Go to [http://ceha.org/uploads/docs/aes2010\\_program.pdf](http://ceha.org/uploads/docs/aes2010_program.pdf) for more details.

And finally, one we probably missed out on.....

New Zealand Institute of Environmental Health Conference 2010 at the Great Lake Centre, Taupo, opening on Monday 22 February through to Wednesday 24 February.

<http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/A-to-Z-of-council-services/Regulatory/NZ-Institute-of-Environmental-Health-Conference-2010/>

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