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CIEH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AND RECONSTRUCTION FUND

The CIEH President has launched an Environmental Health Emergency and Reconstruction Fund to help fund environmental health relief projects across the globe and to rebuild environmental health capacity in the longer term.

The focus of the fund is to provide financial support to practitioners who are providing sustainable environmental health relief solutions.

To find out more about how you can donate to the fund please visit: www.justgiving.com/cieh. If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid will let us reclaim tax on donations you have made to us. The UK government's Gift Aid scheme means that, for every £10 you give, we can claim an extra £2.80.

If you would like to apply for funding please read the criteria at http://www.cieh.org/about_us/eher_fund.html

The fund is managed and maintained by the CIEH.

EHIDE - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IN DISASTERS & EMERGENCIES

The International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) is promoting an initiative to support international relief and development aid agencies: EHIDE – Environmental Health in Disasters & Emergencies.

The challenge they have set for themselves is twofold.

Firstly, to work with the humanitarian aid agencies in developing a cadre of suitably

prepared environmental health professionals who can respond at short notice to fulfil identified needs in (natural or man made) disaster situations. They envisage "clients" would be those aid agencies with a track record in this field that have identified gaps in their environmental health expertise.

Secondly, they want to make the major aid and development agencies aware that there is a valuable human resource available to them. In many cases, these environmental professionals are living and working in countries where these organisations have already developed.

They will also facilitate further training and upskilling of members in our professional associations.

They will liaise with employers to ensure that members that have been trained can be in a position to take up assignments at short notice and will work to source environmental health professionals "on the ground" in the countries where emergency relief is being provided.

The membership register is open to environmental health professionals from anywhere in the world. Interested individuals may contact one of the names at <http://www.ifeh.org/ehide/index.html>.

Becoming a CIEH international member

A mark of your commitment to public health

Join the CIEH today and start improving your career and professional development prospects. As an international member you will be part of a globally respected public health organisation with a distinguished record of public health advocacy and achievement.

A dynamic and diverse public health organisation, the CIEH maintains strong academic, professional and commercial links with environmental health practitioners and organisations across the globe. Becoming a CIEH member will give you access to an international network of like-minded colleagues.

International members benefit the CIEH as they open up new networking channels and research and cultural exchange opportunities.

International membership is designed to complement membership of your national professional association.

International membership is open to public health practitioners who have a non-UK formal qualification in environmental health i.e. an approved qualification of at least the level of a diploma or degree, which is similar to current or previous pathways to qualification for UK-based environmental health practitioners.

Approved international members will be able to use the designation **GradCIEH**.

What you will get:

- A CIEH membership certificate
- Online access to research, journals, guidance
- The ability to demonstrate your commitment to improving public and environmental health
- A copy of the CIEH's Journal of Environmental Health Research, which includes up-to-date good practice case studies to help you tackle environmental health issues
- Excellent networking opportunities with practitioners across the globe
- Monthly CIEH membership newsletter – updates of the latest CIEH news covering events, research, guidance and membership
- Ability to access the UK Public Health Register, eventually enabling you to be recognised as equivalent to a Public Health consultant, or a Medical Officer of Health

BEST OF THE BEST CONFERENCE - NOTTINGHAM

It was good to see a number of International attendees at the Conference. Antoinette Mantz from California was being hosted by the North West Region, David Ssemwanga from Uganda by the East Midlands Region, Dr Henry Scarlett from Jamaica by the London Region, Georgina Young from St Helena Government by the Northern Region and in addition there were delegates or speakers from New Zealand, Saudi Aramco, Guernsey and The University of Kumamoto. ISIG delegates were able to spend time with some of the attendees, but sadly after several attempts, we were not able to access permission to meet together in a room at the venue, so an opportunity missed there.

FREE EMERGENCY PUBLICATIONS FOR DISASTERS FROM WEDC

Further to our message last week informing you of the latest draft of the WHO Technical Notes for Emergencies (http://wedc.lboro.ac.uk/knowledge/notes_emergencies.html), you may also be interested in the following emergency publications which can be freely downloaded from the WEDC website at:

<http://wedc.lboro.ac.uk/knowledge/bookshop.html>

Emergency Sanitation

Peter Harvey, Sohrab Baghri and Bob Reed [2002]

Emergency Vector Control Using Chemicals (2nd ed.)

Christophe Lacarin and Bob Reed [2004]

Emergency Water Sources (3rd ed.)

Sarah House and Bob Reed [2004]

Excreta Disposal in Emergencies

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Peter Harvey [2007]

You may also be interested in a WEDC distance learning programme:
Infrastructure in Emergencies.

<http://wedc.lboro.ac.uk/learn/learn201.html?c=1>

FLOODS IN THE PHILIPPINES: WHO TECHNICAL NOTES FOR EMERGENCIES

Please be advised that the latest version of the WHO Technical Notes for Emergencies prepared by WEDC (Water, Engineering and Development Centre) at Loughborough University in the UK is available from:

http://wedc.lboro.ac.uk/knowledge/notes_emergencies.html

Titles include:

1. Cleaning and disinfecting wells
2. Cleaning and disinfecting boreholes
3. Cleaning and disinfecting water storage tanks and tankers
4. Rehabilitating small-scale piped water distribution systems
5. Emergency treatment of drinking water at the point of use
6. Rehabilitating water treatment works after an emergency
7. Solid waste management in emergencies
8. Disposal of dead bodies
9. How much water is needed
10. Hygiene promotion in emergencies
11. Measuring chlorine levels in water supplies
12. Delivering safe water by tanker
13. Planning for excreta disposal in emergencies
14. Technical options for excreta disposal
15. Cleaning wells after seawater flooding

HAVE YOU READ THIS?

CIEH President, Stephen Battersby, has asked that we draw your attention to the survey on CIEH governance review which is now on the CIEH website, with a link from the home page in What's New.

Got some news you would like to share with colleagues? Contact the Communications Secretary, Barrie Whitehead at bw@rochdaleuwh.co.

CIEH INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (ISIG)

CPD EVENT

LONDON, 17TH NOVEMBER 2009, 10.30 – 14.30,

An event for CIEH and ISIG members to discuss and explore ways in which the ISIG / CIEH could best contribute to international development;

Speakers

- **Tim Everett**, CIEH Director of Policy,
- **Dominic O'Neil** Head of DFID's programme in Sierra Leone
- **Judith Eversley**, International Officer at the Royal Town Planning Institute
- **Lucy Slack** - *Commonwealth Local Government Forum*.

Presentations will be followed by a facilitated discussion and lunch.

Places are limited. Please book your place early.

E-mail Tony Bride (tony.bride@cityoflondon.gov.uk) or phone 020 7332 3588 ASAP to reserve your place. Please specify any special dietary requirements.

Venue Location: 1st Floor Conference Room, City of London Offices, Dept. Environmental Services, Walbrook Wharf, 78-83 Upper Thames Street, London, EC4R 3TD.

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