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Commonwealth Fellows

4 commonwealth scholars arrived in the UK in September for a 3 month professional fellowship jointly managed by the secretariat of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission and the British Council. Awarded to mid career professionals with management potential and hosted by the CIEH these are all environmental health professionals spending time with various host authorities and organizations in their respective regions. All 4 attended the recent welcome day at CIEH HQ in London where members present met Albert Musonda from Zambia hosted by the North West Region, Emmery Mbaha from Uganda hosted by East Midlands Region, Florence Muriithi from Kenya hosted by Northern Region and Karen Brown from Jamaica hosted by London Region. In addition to various hostings in their regions they have also managed to spend time together at the HPA conference, CIEH Best of the Best conference, North West Region Student Conference, British Council welcome event in Edinburgh, and a Train the Trainer course in London. They were also joined at most of these events by a fifth EH scholar, Anselmo Kapandila from Tanzania who was being hosted by a Lincolnshire district council.



Photo: Back: Karen Brown, Albert Musonda Front: Emmery Mbaha, Anselmo Kapandila, Florence Muriithi

Help requested

Nigerian Colleague Chika Bennett has requested help in sourcing some EH advocacy materials to give out in her local Schools, Hospitals, Hotels, Prisons and Churches etc. In particular, materials that cover areas of Food Safety, Health and Safety, Water and Sanitation. Advocacy Materials like Posters, Postcards, Stickers, Leaflets, T-Shirts and Caps will go a long way to promote the Health of the populace and stop some of the man-made problems associated with Health.

If you cannot be of help directly but know any person or agency that can be of help, please let me know and I will happily pass on the information or put you in touch with Chika.

Coming soon

Not strictly International matters but The Public Health white paper is expected to be published this week. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to get involved with consulting members and to put forward your views as branches, regions and SIGs. Our Strategic projects director Sharon Smith will be in contact again with more information.

In December she will be circulating the Regional Development Plans and initiatives that will be taken forward in 2011. These have been based on membership suggestions and contributions during 2009/10. She will also be circulating information on the response to the CIEH Governance member consultation in December too and will keep us informed of the Council decision about what will be happening next .

In the mean time if you have any issues or queries please contact Sharon at s.smith@cieh.org

Two documents on student support are currently in circulation aiming to provide a focus for discussion and debate at relevant meetings, and development of a programme of student support activity throughout the professional network as one of the key priorities for 2011.

They should serve as a starting point for discussion so that we can further develop effective support for students within environmental health. CIEH will be working closely too with the student community so that the programme that emerges is achievable and relevant. Sharon Smith would be pleased to receive your comments and suggestions. The documents will be revisited regularly throughout the year so that they reflect your views and experiences.

These papers tie in with the work currently being undertaken within the CIEH Education Team which is currently reviewing student practical training support, and should be of particular interest to the large number of ISIG members who are students.

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North West Region

An Invitation to visit California!!

The North Western Region is twinned with the California Environmental Health Association.

Each year our two organisations exchange delegates to attend educational events.

I'm now looking for expressions of interest from any member of the North West Region who may wish to attend the 2011 Californian Annual Educational Symposium.

The symposium will be held on April 19-21, 2011 at the Ventura Marriott. The Marriott is just a block from the beach - the gorgeous Pacific Ocean.

If you want to find out a little more then go to www.ceha.org

The North West Region delegate will receive free registration and accommodation including meals for the duration of the Symposium.

The North West Region may make a contribution towards the delegates' cost of travel to California.

If you're interested let me know please – no need for any details at this stage; potential delegates will need to make a more formal application in due course.

All I want at present is your name, where you live/work and your contact details

You must be a member of the North West Region in good standing and you must be able to take time off work to attend.

The final selection will be made by members of the North West Region Management Board.

Interested? If so send me an email please – p.n.wright@btinternet.com
I'll then get back to you with further information about applications etc.

Peter Wright
California Coordinator on behalf of the North West Region Management Board

Design a Refugee Camp

Ever wondered where you might start if you were required to design a refugee camp? Take a look at this document and test your ideas:

http://www.seamless-israel.org/Design_a_Refugee_Camp_files/Design.camp.y2.pdf.

It suggests a clear, easily digestible, if crude methodology for educating the professionals of tomorrow on camp planning, while crucially demonstrating the ever-present overlap between the built environment and other professions, in this case public health and sanitation. Not only is this a way to exchange knowledge across disciplines, but it may pose some interesting questions around the pivotal role of good planning in the work of health professionals. We can all perhaps benefit from the exchange of information, however basic, to alleviate complex real-life dangers - such as those the people living in disaster area camps are currently facing.

New course in Shelter after Disaster

Announcing a new course in Shelter after Disaster at Oxford Brookes University. A 12 week course starting February 2011 covering the theory and practice of shelter after disaster; development and emergency practice project cycle management (assessment, logical framework analysis, monitoring and evaluation); natural disasters, vulnerability and climate change; the role of practitioners in shelter and housing delivery in vulnerable settlements; the aid systems; and working in conflict settings. For further information see this web page: www.brookes.ac.uk/schools/be/postgraduate/courses/shelter.html or contact Charles Parrack: cparrack@brookes.ac.uk 01865483210

And Finally....

I hope you have found something of interest in these newsletters during the year. If the content has not been what you expected, or if you have suggestions for additional content please let me know. Member involvement is all good and everyone loves a sharer.

It has been my pleasure to edit this year's newsletters, and I would like to wish all of you a very happy time over any coming celebrations and holidays, stay safe and healthy ready for whatever 2011 has in store for us. Thanks to all the contributors during the year, and best wishes to the rest of the management team.

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