

International Special Interest Group Report for 2008/9

Introduction

It has been another challenging year for the ISIG's Management Board. In September 2008 our Secretary Martin Davies resigned and the Board reconsidered its options. Finding a replacement has proved very difficult and has meant that the volunteers on Management Board have had to take on extra responsibilities where possible. We are pleased to say that a replacement has now been recruited (Sarah Johns) and has been in post since the beginning of 2009. Barrie Whitehead has also been recruited as the Communication Secretary to keep our members informed.

CPD Hours for 2008/9

An indication of the Region's CPD hours from 1 October 2008 – 30 September 2009 is attached in a spreadsheet.

Highlights of 2008/9

This year the Region has

- Updated our website
- Produced 3 newsletters for members
- Organised 2 very successful training days for members including presentations from the visiting Commonwealth Fellows
- Elected President
- Presentation to BUILD All Party Parliamentary Group on Lord Crisp Report
- Attend EH All Party Parliamentary Group
- Met Dr Luis Sambo (Regional Director for WHO for Regional Office for Africa, WHO)

2009/2010

Next year we intend to build on our current successes by organising another two CPD training days for members to provide an opportunity to learn and network on international activities. We also plan to:

- Develop the membership database
- Improve communication with our members
- Work with the CIEH in producing an International Policy
- Collate information on twinning links for all the Regions/SIGs

- Explore access to support and funding streams available
- Working on joint events with the Port Health SIG.

Finances

Our financial position has been stable over the past year. We have now appointed a treasurer (David Purchon) and are in the process of putting the necessary arrangements in place.

Thanks to Andrew Gardner at the CIEH for his assistance during this transitional time.

Communicating with Members

We have made full use of our website, newsletters and Members Forum event this year and intend to continue to develop these further during the forthcoming year. We have also set up a Facebook Group.

Who's who / More information

The ISIG Management Board is made up of:

Chair – Les Milne

Vice Chair – Tony Bride

Secretary – Sarah Johns

Communications Secretary – Barrie Whitehead

Treasurer – David Purchon

MB Members - Peter Minhinnett, Claire Turbott, Charlotte Landeg, Helen Perry, Teresa Isaacs , Terry Nevin, Rowan Hughes, Mark Elliott, Vicky Watts and Andrew Banfield.

Further information about the ISIG, including contact details for all our Secretaries and Officers, is available on our website: <http://www.cieh.org/international>