

South East Region News

SE Region elects new Trustee



Ann Sargent is a Kent EHP who has worked and managed all areas of Environmental Health during her 25 year career.

Currently working as Head of Service – Environmental Services at Dartford Council (shared manager arrangement with Sevenoaks District Council) she was Chair of the London food coordinating group from 2002 -2005.



In 2007, Ann was elected Chair of Kent Environmental Health Managers Group (KEHM) and continues in that position.

She represents Dartford Council on the local PCT Health Policy Board.

In addition she is a keen skydiver, having jumped out of a plane twice as a tandem jump. A frequent visitor to the Body flight wind tunnel (Bedford), she can even do a few formation moves!

The South East Region welcomes Ann as its newest Trustee. If you would like to contact her: ann.sargent@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Snowy Oxfordshire SE Winter Forum



The Region held its first Forum in Oxfordshire in December. The day was arranged by the newly formed Oxfordshire Branch and held at West Oxfordshire council.

Despite blankets of snow covering the South East that week, a large number of intrepid EHPs made thier way to Witney which saw:

- Stuart Wiggans of ASDA, talk about his view on how ADSA's new Primary Authority relationship is working.
- Francesca Albanese of Shelter, outline the impact of the recent housing benefit changes on tenants.
- And three perspectives, from regulators, legal and private sector, on the impact of the Young report.

The day was well received and the Oxfordshire branch is pleased it was so well supported.

The branch now has a full comittee and intends to arrange a number of CPD events over the coming year. To contact the branch email: Suman.LalSarbatta@westoxon.gov.uk

Keeping up with the latest developments in Public health

In July 2010 the Government launched its Public Health White Paper. The paper represents a major restructuring, not just of health services but also of councils' responsibilities in relation to health improvement, and coordination of health and social care.

The proposals put improving the health and wellbeing of communities at the heart of local government.

CIEH is taking part in discussions at the centre on this issue and will be keeping members abreast of developments and seeking their views.

Use the CIEH website to link to the latest on this issue,
www.cieh.org/public_health/new_public_health_service_for_england.html

Show your public health relevance on Food Vision



The CIEH published its new Food Policy in 2010 and its vision is 'to ensure the availability of safe and wholesome food for everyone, and to promote the benefits of healthy eating.'

CIEH are looking for good practice food projects to promote on Food Vision to evidence the way local EHPS promote public health through diet related projects.

To submit your project email: foodvision@cieh.org

Regional Management Board meetings



The South East Region Management Board meet 5 times per year, to see minutes of meetings go to:

www.cieh.org/members/South_East_minutes_meetings.html

Dates for your diary

The South East region will be holding our FREE forums on the following dates in 2011:

March 17th – Joint HPA/CIEH regional seminar – Food & Health protection – Winchester. Goto: www.hpa-events.org.uk/EPHT11 to book your FREE place.

March 31st – SE Regional Spring Forum, Horsham Council, Sussex. Environmental protection theme.

22nd June – SE Regional Summer Forum – Runnymede council, Surrey. Partnerships theme.

September – SE Region Autumn Forum – Hampshire

December – SE Region Winter Forum – Buckinghamshire.

Joint Regions Conference Returns

8th, 9th & 10th June 2011 – three day joint London & SE Region conference – Chadwick Court, London. Low cost.

Day one, Food & H&S, Day two, legal issues.

Day three, the new public health agenda.

Details out soon.

For details of all events in the region go to:
www.cieh.org/members/south_east_events.html

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