

Bulletin

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2009 after the new constitution of the UKPHR has been established. Professor Jim McEwen has stepped down as Chair of the UKPHR Board and the Chair has been taken by Peter Farley.

Through Professor Jim McEwens leadership, professionalism and dedication the UKPHR has achieved a great deal since its inception in 2003 and the UKPHR and its stakeholders would like to thank Jim for all his work. A dinner was held in his honour at the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health on 8 September. The dinner included attendees who were involved in the original tripartite group that was instrumental in bringing the register to fruition in June 2003. This group was headed by three organisations: Royal Institute of Public Health, the Faculty of Public Health and the Multidisciplinary Public Health Forum. Other attendees included previous Board members from other organisations such as regulators from whom the register gained valuable insight into the regulatory bodies in the early days.

The dinner was also attended by Professor Sir Liam Donaldson, the Chief Medical Officer who spoke about Jim McEwens achievements. He spoke after the dinner, as did Lillian Somerville the Vice Chair of the UKPHR Board.





Peter Farley is looking forward to taking over the role of Chair and leading the register into the next phases of its development. He has also been involved with the UKPHR since its inception. He sat on the UKPHR Board as the representative for the Welsh Assembly Government, and now he has retired from that post he has taken on the role as Chair. If anyone has any issues that they would like to raise with Peter, then please email register@cieh.org and this will be passed on to Peter Farley.

The consultation on developing a regulatory framework for practitioners has now been completed and the results from the consultation are being compiled and will be on the register website during October for final comment. Please see statement released by the register earlier this month on the regulatory review that is being carried out by the four Departments of Health which has some relevance to the development of practitioner regulation. The statement is on the UKPHR website.

The UKPHR was pleased with the response it has received to the common renewal date of 1 July and most registrants have now renewed. Please remember that a direct debit facility is now available and if you wish to pay by this method please contact the register office and forms will be sent to you.

The new route to both admission to the UKPHR and CIEH membership is now open and the brief details are below. The route is called the 'developmental' route allowing a 'staged' process for portfolio submissions.

The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health wants to widen the scope of those who can qualify for 'ordinary' (or full, voting) membership. It has introduced a new assessment procedure in order to facilitate this and is now keen to encourage membership from senior professionals working across the Public Health agenda. In order to apply for the assessment, you must have a relevant degree and a relevant professional qualification. You must also submit for assessment a portfolio of evidence, and complete a professional interview as part of the process.

Anyone interested in finding out more details about this, please refer to the CIEH website at www.cieh.org where full details are available.

The total number who have registered with the UKPHR is now 417 with 341 through portfolio assessment, 70 through the Faculty standard training route and also 6 with dual registration.

The UKPHR is now training new assessors, five were trained this month with training sessions to continue. If you would like to be considered for assessor training or you would like to enquire about involvement in the registers projects or advisory committees then please write to Rodrigo Voss at UKPHR, Chadwick Court, 15 Hatfields, London SE1 8DJ, or email Rodrigo at r.voss@cieh.org.

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Please refer to the register website at www.publichealthregister.org.uk to download a full briefing pack for the defined specialist route to the register and for information about other routes to registration, summary Board minutes and previous Bulletins