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Dear Friend

Welcome to THET's e-bulletin which includes news and information relevant to Health Links and THET activities. The e-bulletin will be circulated every month.

If you have any materials or news which you would like to publicise, please send the information to the editor of this e-bulletin, Aisha Latif, aisha@thet.org. Conference and workshop reviews are also welcome. Note that we are unable to distribute attachments so please ensure that your item can be pasted into an e-mail message.

Feel free to forward this e-bulletin to anyone who might be interested.

FUNDING AND COMPETITIONS

Charity Flowers Direct – say it with Flowers on Valentines Day (Saturday 14th February) and Mothers Day (Sunday 22nd March) by ordering your flowers from Charity Flowers new Spring brochure. Charity Flowers will give 15% of the total retail price of each order for flowers to THET. Don't forget to quote the Charity Source Code "THET" when you order. To find out more about this great scheme click on the link below.

http://www.thet.org.uk/index.php?page/index/Charity_Flowers.html

Education Partnerships in Africa – Managed by the British Council, this fund will encourage further education and higher education institutions to engage in capacity building to deliver skills in collaboration with local overseas employers and enterprises. Travel grants for individuals are also offered. Please check the British Council's website for further details. Please note the closing date for applications is 27th February 2009.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-epa>

BUPA Foundation Research Funding – Funding opportunities are available for research on the Social Determinants of Health for researchers based in the UK, Australia, Denmark, Hong Kong, India, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, Spain and Thailand. Group collaborators residing in the countries mentioned are particularly encouraged to apply. Please contact Sara Metcalf at sara.metcalf@aut.ac.nz or check BUPA's website. Please note the deadline for applications is 28th February 2009.

http://www.bupafoundation.com/asp/specialist/this_years_theme.asp

Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, Overseas Surgical Fellowships 2009 – These fellowships are in partnership with the British Journal of Surgery Society Limited, and aim to sponsor surgeons who wish to work in a developing countries (primarily in the least developed countries), on a short term basis. The fellowships are to provide training and support for overseas medical schools in the development of their postgraduate training programmes, and through this, establishing links with those centres. Please contact Bhavnita Borkhatria at Bhavnita@asgbi.org.uk for further information or visit their website.

http://asgbi.org.uk/en/awards_fellowships/overseas_surgical_fellowship.cfm

NEWS

The International Committee of the Institute of Health Management, headed by Peter Ramrayka, is to take a particular interest in IHM's contribution to developing countries. If any Link would like to advertise a requirement for a manager to participate in Links work, please contact Peter by email and he will be happy to circulate it to IHM networks. You can contact Peter direct at peter.ramrayka@swlstg-tr-nhs.uk

Partnerships in Health Information (Phi) – *The Provision of Health Information for Poverty Alleviation in Africa* was the focus of the Biennial Congress of the Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa (AHILA). The meeting, which is the only African-wide event on health and medical librarianship, was held in Mozambique in October, and attracted participants from a variety of health backgrounds, from 15 countries across Africa.

The themes of the meeting included the use of ICT for promotion of and access to health information in rural communities, repackaging evidence based health information, and the implication for libraries for the accessibility of knowledge and health information. To find out more about AHILA and the Congress please visit the link below.

<http://ahila.org/>

The Council of West Africa College of Surgeons (WACS) approved the inauguration of the WACS UK Forum in November 2008, following a successful launch of the WACS UK forum in October 2008. The launch was an opportunity for all West African doctors in the Diaspora to come together and contribute to the progress of the College in the sub region.

The WACS UK forum has been approved to primarily work on:

- Encouraging Fellows of WACS living and working in the UK to join the WACS UK forum.
- Maintaining a register of Fellows of WACS residing and working in the UK.
- Initiating and implementing programmes that will be of benefit to the College

More details about WACS and their work can be found on their website.

<http://www.wacs-coac.org/>

Tackling Climate Change, Protecting Health Campaign - Climate and Health Council's campaign to mobilise health professionals across the world to tackle climate change. They aim to collect 10,000 health professional signatories to support this pledge, to help influence post-Kyoto framework discussions in Copenhagen in November/December 2009. To find out more about the campaign, and to add your signature to the pledge, please click on the link below.

<http://www.climateandhealth.org/pledge/>

EVENTS

Thursday 2 April 2009, THET International Health Links Conference, Cardiff University, Wales – Information about speakers, workshops and information valuable to Links planned for THET's Conference will be available soon. However, please put this date in your diary now!

Friday 13 February 2009, The Royal College of Physicians Library, London - Listen to the Royal College of Physicians Music Club play Mozart and Popper to raise funds for THET. The event begins at 19.30, and a cash bar is available from 18.45. Admission is free. Further details and a programme for the evening can be found on the link below..

<http://www.thet.org.uk/index.php?/page/index/fundraising.html>

House of Lords Event – Tessa Richards, Assistant Editor of the British Medical Journal, blogged THET’s House of Lords event in December – read “*Do you have a Global Partner?*” for some inspiring words about health links.

<http://blogs.bmj.com/bmj/2008/12/17/tessa-richards-do-you-have-a-global-partner/>

GOOD PRACTICE

THET Toolkit on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) for Health Links - This is the first Toolkit on M&E written specifically for Health Links. The easy to use guide covers issues such as planning and designing M&E, practical tools for data collection, tips on analysis of data and report writing, and following up on evaluations. The Toolkit is designed to be of value both to Links that are new to M&E and to those with more experienced in this area.

For a limited time only, THET registered Health Links can purchase one copy of the Toolkit and get a second copy free for their Health Link partner. For more information please check out THET’s website.

<http://www.thet.org.uk/index.php?/page/index/guidance.html>

Setting up Clinical Audit in Gondar Hospital, Ethiopia – Read University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust and Gondar College of Medical Sciences journal article about introducing a clinical audit into a large hospital in Ethiopia and whether clinical standards can be improved as a result. The journal reference is below.

Elaine Carter, Sisay Yifru, Carmel Archdeacon, Chris Barbrook, Mistir Gebremedhin, 2008.

Ethiop Med J, Vol. 46, No.3

Human Resources for Health – A myriad of useful articles about planning, producing and managing human resources for health, set in a global context. Please click on the link below to access this invaluable on-line journal that can support your Health Links and programme work.

<http://www.human-resources-health.com/home/>

Essential Skills for Mental Health Care – This manual launched by Basic Needs aims to provide the basic information for health workers to safely diagnose and treat mental illness and epilepsy with the resources currently available in West Africa. Best treatments have been cross referenced with actual treatments that are available in West Africa. The manual is designed to be used by a range of health workers, from volunteers through to community psychiatric nurses up to the level of medical assistant, and is written in clear language for those health workers whose first language is not English. “Essential Skills” is free from copyright and the authors invite senior health workers in other parts of Africa to adapt the manual’s content to their country’s resources and needs. Copies of “Essential Skills” can be downloaded free of charge from the following link.

<http://www.basicneeds.org/ghana/index.asp>

ProCor: On-line resource for Cardiovascular Health - This website is a valuable resource for people working to prevent cardiovascular disease and promote cardiovascular health in developing countries and other low-resource environments. You can find out more about cardiovascular disease and health, network with others working in the same area, as well as find links to reports, toolkits and manuals.

<http://www.procor.org/>

Child Health Care: A Learning Programme for Professionals - A book and course written for under-resourced areas of Africa. The material deals with most of the main causes of death and illness during childhood. You can download and print out separate sections. The course was developed at the School of Child and Adolescent Health, University of Capetown.

<http://ebwhealthcare.com/content/section/4/28/>

VACANCIES

Consultant to carry out a review of Health Links in Ethiopia – THET is seeking a consultant to generate information that is useful to individual health links and their future planning, and adds to the body of learning about health links. The closing date to apply for this position is 8th February 2009.

Consultant to carry out an End of Programme Evaluation – THET is seeking a consultant to carry out a full end of programme evaluation of the Developing Global Partnerships to Improve Health Capacity in Developing Countries. The closing date to apply for this position is 15th February 2009.

Further details of both vacancies can be found on THET's website; click on the link below.

<http://www.thet.org.uk/index.php?page/index/workwithus.html>

The Royal College of Physicians are seeking to recruit **Associate International Directors** to continue to develop the College's work on Africa and Global Health. Please click on the link below to find out more.

<http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/international/Pages/international.aspx>