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Welcome to THET's E-Bulletin

This monthly e-bulletin is full of the latest news and information on THET activities and Health Links. Feel free to forward this e-bulletin to anyone who might be interested.

THET Latest News

News from the International Health Links Funding Scheme

In October 2009 four IHLFS application workshops were run in the UK, and two in Africa (in Malawi and Kenya), facilitated jointly by THET and British Council staff. The aim was to provide Links, and potential Links, with guidance on the application process and to offer an opportunity to ask questions. 94 people in the UK and 68 people in Kenya and Malawi attended the workshops and took part in some lively discussions. We received very positive feedback from the workshops, and participants' suggestions from the earlier workshops were used to improve subsequent ones. A summary of the evaluation report from the application workshops is available to download from **our website**.

The deadline for the first round of medium and large grant applications has now passed. Over 100 applications to the Scheme have been received so far, and the first two small grants are in the process of being awarded. Details of the next round of funding for these grants will be published on the on the THET website and the IHLFS webpages in Spring 2010. Applications for small grants may be submitted at any time.

THET and the British Council were pleased to announce the IHLFS Selection Panel who will be reviewing grant applications. Information about the Selection Panel members is available on **THET's website**.

THET Collaboration with Partnerships in Health Information (Phi)

Over the past year, THET and Phi have developed a framework for working together and have laid strong foundations for ongoing collaboration. Both organisations support partnerships for better health in some of the world's poorest countries. Phi's unique contribution to development is their role in building library to library partnerships. THET's International Director, Karen Peachey said, *'Phi and THET are natural partners. I knew from the moment I first came across Phi that working together made great sense Phi is already raising awareness of the importance of health information issues among Health Links.'*

Collaboration in Ethiopia is producing clear benefits as each enhances the other's programmes of work. This year a senior information professional contributed to the THET coordinated national Health Links meeting in Ethiopia and Phi facilitated a health information literacy workshop at Jimma University. Phi Director, Shane Godbolt said, *'Phi is excited by the many opportunities opening up through collaboration with THET. With such a clear strategic fit Phi and THET are already adding value to each other's work.'*

THET Events and Activities

Royal College of Physicians Concert

THET would like to thank all our friends and staff members who attended the Royal College of Physicians Chamber Music Concert on Monday 16th November. It was an evening of wonderful music and over £300 was raised for THET.

Latest news for Health Links

Funding for NHS Wales Health Links with Sub-Saharan Africa and other Developing Health Systems

Further to the Welsh Health Circular WHC 2006 (070) issued on 13 October 2006, the Welsh Assembly Government NHS Division has set aside £50,000 of funding for the financial year 20010-11 to support further projects that provide links between health services and health professionals in Wales and health services in Sub-Saharan Africa and elsewhere in the south of the world. Overseas partners could include health providers, universities, trainers, Non-Governmental Organisations, international health organisations and governments.

Applications for funding are now invited for suitable projects that support one or more of the Millennium Development Goals and comply with the terms outlined in WHC 2006 (070). The deadline for submitting application is 31st Thursday December 2009. **Click here** for more information.

2010 International Bursary Scheme

The 2010 International Bursary Scheme provides support for international surgical trainees in the development of their training by providing the possibility of spending two days in a UK hospital and attending the 2010 International Surgical Congress of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, taking place from 14th-16th April 2010 in Liverpool, with the theme 'The Challenges of Surgery'.

Each Bursary is worth £2,000 and includes: Six night's accommodation (11th-17th April 2010); Three day registration for the Congress; ticket to the Association's Gala Dinner; £20/day subsistence rate; £800 towards travel expenses (re-imbusement of receipts). The deadline for applications is 11th December 2009. For more details on how to apply, please **click here**.

USAID's Virtual Leadership Development Program (VLDP)

USAID's MEASURE Evaluation Population and Reproductive Health (PRH) Associate Award is pleased to announce a Virtual Leadership Development Program (VLDP) for local health teams involved with monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of family planning and reproductive health activities in Anglophone countries. For more information on the event, please **click here**.

In order to enrol, please email or fax the completed application to Management Sciences for Health (MSH) at VLDPMandE3@msh.org or fax number +1 617 250 9090 on or before 18th December, 2009. For more information, please contact the VLDP M&E team at VLDPMandE3@msh.org.

Welcomeurope Funding Alert: 'Good Health for All - Supporting prevention and control of non-communicable diseases in developing countries'

The objective of this fund is to reduce ill health in developing countries caused by non-communicable and lifestyle-related diseases such as cancer, cardio-vascular disease, lung disease, diabetes, injury and mental illness. For more information about this funding opportunity and how to apply, please [click here](#). The closing deadline is 20th January 2010.

DFID Community Linking Programme (DCLP)

The DFID Community Linking Programme (DCLP) is an exciting new programme that will offer support to community groups in the UK that are linked with community groups in a developing country. Make sure that your member organisations and contacts are among the first to find out about new funding and support opportunities, by asking them to complete the survey available at www.dfid.gov.uk/dclp. The survey will close at the end of December. For more information contact Jane.Grantham@britishcouncil.org.

Western Regional International Health Conference Call for Poster and Presentation Abstracts

8th Annual WRIHC is entitled 'War & Global Health: Transforming our Professions, Changing our World' and takes place on April 23-25, 2010. Students, faculty and professionals of all disciplines are invited to submit abstracts for posters and/or oral presentations on the conference theme. Posters may address any war-related theme and approximately 50 will be selected through a competitive process. A very limited number of oral presentations will be accepted through a competitive process. If you have any questions regarding an abstract submission, please contact Daren Wade at the Global Health Resource Center (GHRC) at GHRC@uw.edu. To submit an abstract proposal, please complete the submission form online at: <http://wrihc.org/2009/11/12/a-call-for-abstracts/>. The submission deadline is 15th December 2009.

Health Link Events and Activities

The 6th IET International Seminar on Appropriate Healthcare Technologies for Developing Countries - Thursday, 13 May 2010

The IET International Seminar is again coming to IET London and will provide a great opportunity to learn about the key issues surrounding healthcare provision in the developing world. Sir Liam Donaldson, the Chair of WHO Patient Safety will deliver the keynote address on the main topic. The IET, Savoy Place, London, 6:00 pm. Please see www.theiet.org/ for more details.

Resources for Links

Turning the World Upside Down - the Search for Global Health in the 21st Century

Nigel Crisp is an independent crossbench member of the House of Lords and works mainly on international development and global health. His new book 'Turning the world upside down - the search for global health in the 21st Century' will be published at the end of January 2010. It

takes further the ideas about mutual learning between rich and poor countries that he developed in his 2007 report for the Prime Minister – Global Health Partnerships: the UK contribution to health in developing countries – and shows how this will shape healthcare in the future. For more details about the book and how to order it, please [click here](#).

Progress on the Implementation Of DFID's HIV/AIDS Strategy – First Report Published

To coincide with World AIDS Day on Tuesday 1 December 2009, the International Development Committee has published its report on Progress on the Implementation of DFID's HIV/AIDS Strategy. The Report can now be viewed on the Committee's website at: <http://www.parliament.uk/indcom>.

Vacancies

THET is currently recruiting for **Volunteer Nurse and Midwifery Tutors** to be seconded to the Ministry of Health in Zambia. For more details and the full job description, please [click here](#).

Happy Holidays!

The THET office will close on 24th December 2009 for the Christmas period and will re-open on 4th January 2010. THET sends best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all its friends and supporters!

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