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Latest news from THET

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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.

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THET signs EC Contract - The world's biggest donor at the service of the Millennium Goals

In December 2009 THET signed contract with the European Commission (EC) for a new programme to strengthen the capacity of 7 Non State Actors in Somaliland. In partnership with King's College Hospital (KCH), the project will assist key training institutions and professional associations by providing them with targeted technical assistance. It will also provide funding for key resources and assist partners with advice and support to strengthen their financial systems. Over the next two and a half years the programme will also support post graduate medical development, 'Gap filling' teaching to support medical and nursing training and external examiners for end of year exams.

THET at King's – a celebration of ten years of collaboration

Following ten years of collaboration through the King's THET Somaliland Partnership (KTSP), we are taking steps to develop further our shared agenda, creating a centre of activity at King's Health Partners. THET and King's Health Partners will host a launch event on Thursday 4th February 2010 to look back over what has been achieved and look forward to closer partnership. Speakers will include representatives from the existing partnership organisations, as well as Edna Ismail, Former Foreign Minister for Somaliland and Professor Christopher Whitty, Chief Scientific Advisor and Director of Research at the Department for International Development.

The new partnership aims to expand delivery of the Health Systems Strengthening work, as well as to promote greater involvement of younger members of the health profession by creating further opportunities to be engaged in and learn about global health.

Knowledge Café

THET and Phi (Partnerships in Health Information) representatives recently attended a masterclass on holding a Knowledge Café, run by David Gurteen. A Knowledge Café is a type of meeting or workshop which aims to provide an open and creative conversation on a topic of mutual interest, enabling participants to surface collective knowledge, share ideas and insights, and gain a deeper understanding of the subject and the issues involved. It differs from more traditional formats in that after a brief introduction the majority of time is spent in revolving small group discussions, ending with time for sharing and reflection. For a report on the workshop please [click here](#). For further information on Knowledge Cafés please [click here](#).

THET events and activities

Join Team THET for the British 10k London Run!

Next year is the 10th anniversary of the ASICS British 10K London Run and turnout is expected to be even higher than this year's number of 27,000. Places are available now and THET is looking to recruit even more runners. You can even make it a group challenge by getting your friends, family and work colleagues to join you in next year's run. For more information contact us on 020 7290 3889 or visit our events page [here](#).

Join Team THET for the Three Peaks Challenge 2010!

This is the challenge of a lifetime and will require participants to climb the 3 highest peaks in the home nations: Scotland, England and Wales. Tackling Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon and doing it all in the space of 24 hours. You will travel a total distance of around 42km, and ascend 3000 metres. Put yourself to the test and join the Team THET 3 Peaks Challenge 2010. You will spend a brilliant weekend with like-minded adventurous individuals in this exhilarating and tough adventure. If you would like to join team THET and support healthcare, we need you! For more information and how to register, please contact us on 020 7290 3889 or visit our Three Peaks Challenge page. This event is hosted through www.maximumadventure.com.

Latest news for Links

Humanitarian Fund 2010

The 2010 Humanitarian Fund is now accepting applications. The Fund supported by donations from the BMA and Royal College of Nursing offers grants of up to £3,000 for projects taking place in developing countries. Projects must offer clear health benefits to the local population, must involve at least one current NHS employee and should have a sustainable impact. The grants will cover incidental costs such as travel and accommodation only (not equipment or drugs). For more details on the Fund, please

contact the BMA's International Dept on international.info@bma.org.uk or complete and return the application form available to download on the BMA website. The closing date for applications is 5pm on Friday 5 March 2010.

'Crash Course in Overseas Medicine'

A course delivered primarily by people who have spent a significant time working in developing countries, know the realities of medical care there, and have shown their ability to share that knowledge with enthusiasm, encouragement and humour. The course takes place from 5 - 7th May, Venue Cheltenham. Cost £295 per head. Please [click here](#) for more information, or contact Alex Townsend at 08454 224391 or alex.townsend@glos.nhs.uk.

Governance and accountability in health care delivery: raising performance in developing and transition countries

The Overseas Development Institute will present a framework for thinking about governance issues as a way to improve performance in the health sector, and enhance the impact of investments in that sector on 2 February 2010, 5:30-7:00pm. Speakers include:

- Maureen Lewis - Advisor, Development Economics Department, World Bank
- Alan Winters - Chief Economist, DfID
- Alison Evans - Director, ODI

Please [click here](#) to view the paper *Governance and accountability in health care delivery: raising performance*, written by Maureen Lewis and Gunilla Pettersson.

Integrating Poverty and Gender into Health Programmes

A Sourcebook for Health Professionals. Module on Water, Sanitation and Food Source - World Health Organization. This publication aims to improve the awareness, knowledge and skills of health professionals in the region on poverty and gender concerns. The modules that comprise this sourcebook are intended for use in pre-service and in-service training of health professionals. This publication is also expected to be of use to policy-makers and programme managers as a reference document, or in conjunction with in-service training. For more information, please [click here](#).

The Leadership and Management Award (LMA)

The award acknowledges and celebrates the work of health managers and their teams in achieving significant improvements in health care in countries across the globe. The fourth annual LMA will go to the team that can demonstrate measurable and compelling results of a joint effort to overcome a clearly defined challenge within their organization. The 1st place team receives US\$1500 to continue the work of their project; \$1000 goes to the 2nd place team and \$500 to the 3rd team.

Please [click here](#) for more information on how to apply. The deadline for applications is February 15, 2010.

Vacancies

THET is currently recruiting for the following roles:

- Programme Coordinator – Somaliland (London based)
- BSc Midwifery Lead Tutor, 18 month contract
- Nursing & Midwifery Tutors (x5)
- Senior Lecturers (x2) in Pathology and Anaesthetics

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