



ALMA MATA GLOBAL HEALTH NETWORK NEWSLETTER – November 2009

There are a lot of opportunities to further your interest and career in global health in the run up to Christmas, with a very full newsletter.

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Alma Mata Global Health Directions for Doctors and Surgeons in Training

King's College, London, UK

Weston Education Centre, Denmark Hill Campus

Saturday 28th November 2009

Interested in global health but don't know which direction to go in?

Know what you want to achieve but don't know **how to get there**?

Join us for a day of **inspirational speakers, workshops** and **discussions** to give you the insight and advice needed to pursue your **career in global health**.

The Alma Mata Working Group have put together a programme of experts with a **wealth of international experience** covering all key fields in global health.

Not only will you get to hear what they say, but with our **mix of formal and informal sessions**, you will have the chance to discuss your particular ideas, concerns and queries in small groups **directly with our panel of experts**. See our [full programme](#) for more.

events

Invitation to Meet, listen to and question Jasmine Whitbread, CEO, Save the Children UK.

Date: Thursday 19 November 2009

Location: RSM, London

The Breakfast Briefings are organised to ensure you receive accurate information from the movers and shakers in the world of medicine and healthcare. If you would like to attend this meeting with other Alma Mata members, please email info@almamata.net by Thursday 11th November. Names will be selected at random if applications exceed our quota.

Third Global Health Tuesday!

Location: Big Chill House, King's Cross, London, UK

Date: 1st December 2009, 19:00 - c.23:00

London's first ever regular meet-up-evening-out-kick-back-get-together for boys and girls who are passionate about global health. Semi-hosted (at arm's length) by the Working Group of the Alma Mata Global Health Network, we want to establish a relaxed, friendly, regular social event where young people interested in global health can meet, chat and exchange ideas and experiences. We look forward to meeting you!

We've chosen bar / restaurant straight across from King's Cross station for its relaxed atmosphere and central location.

UCL's annual Lancet Lecture on Monday 30 November 2009

Location: UCL Institute of Child Health (ICH), 30 Guilford Street, London, WC1N 1EH

Date: Monday 30 November 2009, 1730-1930

This year's lecture entitled "Climate Change: The biggest global health threat of the 21st century?" will be presented by the Right Honourable Lord May, member of the UK Government Committee on Climate Change, and forms part of UCL's continuing commitment to improving global health and environmental issues.

We expect this event to be very popular, so please **RSVP** to Dan Martin by **Monday 9 November** to confirm your attendance. Please contact Dan via dan.martin@ucl.ac.uk or telephone 020 7679 7675.

Medical Justice bi-monthly campaign meeting

Date: Monday 14th December, 7pm.

Location: SOAS, London.

[More info](#)

Neglected Tropical Diseases Conference

Date: Saturday 28th November 2009

Location: Royal Society of Medicine

Organised by an LSHTM alumna and current LSHTM student, many of the world's leading academics, policy makers and public health specialists will be lecturing on NTDs and taking part in the panel debate, including:

Speakers:- Professor David Mabey (LSHTM), Dr Lorenzo Savioli, Director of the Department for the Control of NTDs (WHO), Professor David Molyneux, (LSTM)

[More info](#)

Launch Event: Public Health Impacts of Strategies to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Location: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Date: 25 November 2009, 9.30-16.30

In the first major study of its kind, an international team of researchers has been modelling the health effects of different policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in high and low-income countries. Case studies focus on four key sectors: power generation, transport, household energy, and food and agriculture. The study findings will be published in a special Series in the Lancet in November 2009. The event is free, but places must be reserved in advance and are on a first come first served basis.

[More info](#)

NHS CO2 Reduction Conference

Date: 10th December

CO2 Reduction in the NHS Estate: This London conference will offer practical steps towards planning and implementing an effective NHS carbon reduction strategy and will address ways in which the NHS can meet regulations, save money and cut CO2 emissions.

[Email](#)

jobs

Volunteer at The Medical Foundation

The Medical Foundation is a national human rights charity offering care and rehabilitation to survivors of torture, with centres based in London, Manchester, Glasgow, Newcastle and Birmingham. We are expanding our team of volunteer doctors writing medico-legal reports, documenting evidence of torture for survivors seeking asylum in the UK. Applicants should have at least 5 years clinical experience and the minimum volunteer hours are 1 session (4 hours) per fortnight.

A two day comprehensive induction training will be given (the next one is on November 11th and 12th in Birmingham) as well as ongoing CPD and support. We offer reimbursement of expenses for volunteers.

[More info](#)

Combine specialty training with research in any specialty including Infectious Diseases, Child Health and Public Health.

The NIHR Integrated Academic Training Schemes offer training for Foundation and Specialty Training. Applications for Academic Clinical Fellowships are open. ACF posts dedicate 25% training time to research, with the ultimate aim of achieving a successful PhD application.

[More info](#)

advocacy

Photoshare Photo Contest and HIFA2015 Photography Award (Healthcare Information for All by 2015).

Do you have photos of programs in action and the people you serve? Pictures illustrating the realities of urban and rural life in developing countries? Snapshots from your personal travels, volunteer service, or work experience?

The Photoshare Annual International Photo Contest 2009 is a major competition run by Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Communication Programs (CCP). 1st Place Prize US\$1000. Entries are accepted from now until November 16th, 2009.

[Website](#) [Email](#)

Medical Justice working group on Children in Detention Meeting

Location: Medical Justice, 86 Durham Road, London N7 7DT

Date: 18/11/09 6.30pm

[Website](#)

education

SOAS New postgraduate distance learning module in Climate Change and Development

Available from February 2010. The first unit, **Climate Change and Development Challenges**, is now available free on the web as a fully functional 'taster'.

[More info](#)

HIV and Immigration Conference

Date: 4th Dec,

Location: 77 Ardwick Green North, Manchester, M12 6FX

Cost: £40 for voluntary sector organisations, and £60 for the statutory sector.

[More info](#)

P.S. If you are interested in global health, why not consider joining the working group? We are open to new members who would like to do some work e.g. interviewing people for the website. Please drop me a line.