

NI Region Interim Management Board

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Meeting Date	Venue
30 October 2007	CIEH NI, 123 York Street, Belfast BT15 1AB

In attendance			
Steve Cooper (SC)	John Corkey (Chair)	Jennifer Parkinson (JP)	Catherine Treche (CT)
Gary McFarlane (GMcF)	Dan Kennedy (DK)	Gerry Tierney (GT)	Ursula Walsh (UW)
Apologies			
Sean Martin	Nigel McMahon	Siobhan Toland	Philip Thompson
Maria Jennings	Niall Convery	Sam Knox	

		Action	By date
1	Declarations of interest		
	1.1 No declaration of interest		
2	Minutes		
	2.1 Minutes were confirmed and approved for 4 September 2007 and posted on website.		
3	Matters arising		
	3.1 Michael Cole award: 2 groups identified for award for CEHOG TTG and SFEO – B Oliphant to make presentations on 12 December 2007. Working group to be set up with NGS for future awards and to set down criteria for same.		
	3.2 Gary McFarlane was congratulated on receiving CIEH Fellowship award		
	3.3 JC congratulated SC on the sterling work regarding the NIR business plan for 2008. SC confirmed that 2008 plan has been approved by committee. Draft plan for 2009 to be ready by July 2009 (3 year plan).		
	3.4 Ian Leitch has been approved to represent CIEH at UUJ court – SC to write letter to IL confirming same.		
	3.5 CIEH Best of the Best Conference 2007: SC confirmed conference was well received with favourable reviews from delegates and speakers. 1 non-attendance bursary place from NIR mechanism to be put in place to avoid recurrence as NIR absorbs the cost.		
	3.6 SC confirmed that appeal for computers will be closed temporarily due to overwhelming response from members.		
	3.7 Ballot papers sent out and the following members nominated Barny Heywood/David Allen/Joanne Corey/Roisin McDaid. UW to approach students re: nomination as B Harte has resigned. SC informed the meeting that JC (chair) will resign at the end of 2007 and it was with sadness that SC accepted. JC was thanked for his contribution and commitment to Council business.		
	3.8 Donald Owen retired members lunch to take place on 12 December at Park Avenue Hotel		
	3.9 Annual meeting and open members forum also to take place same date venue in the afternoon		

4	Education Committee Report		
	<p>4.1 Practical Drainage 2 day course held in 5/6 November 2007 attracted 48 delegates and generated £6180.00 income.</p> <p>4.2 EHOA conference for 2008 to be held in Killarney.</p> <p>4.3 The Northern Ireland region will provide a number of educational events throughout 2008: as a full suite of low cost training events strictly for members only. SC and GMcF to review pricing structure.</p>		
5	Strategy Committee Report		
	<p>5.1 Work Programme for 2009 agreed with Strategy Group in 30 October 2007.</p> <p>GMcF gave a brief overview of recent/up and coming meetings/events:- Meeting with DOE Minister (RPA) Submitted paper regarding REGNI Meeting with DHSSPS Minister (various) CMO meeting re Food Poverty Research Project FSA reception hosted by Minister McGimpsey Climate Change Coalition launch (CIEH member) SD strategy written PQs to be tabled by David Ford Various keynote speeches and presentations: - Travelwise/Trainers Forum.</p>		
6	Financial update		
	6.1 Item tabled to next meeting on 17.01.07		
7	2007 Award Winners		
	<p>7.1 Gail Crozier Graduate Student for David Montgomery Aware</p> <p>7.2 Isaac Paul *(Tanzania) certificate</p>		
8	International Matter		
	<p>8.1 CT informed meetings that an exchange student from France, Bordeaux was available for 3 months – GMcF to facilitate placement.</p> <p>NIR to look again at work placement with Norwegian Association</p>		
9	AOB		
	<p>9.1 Meetings for 2008: 17 January 2008 22 April 2008 22 August 2008 27 November 2008</p> <p>9.2 Food Poverty research publications now available for any members wishing a copy,</p>		
11	Date of next meeting		
	11.1 This concluded the business of the meeting. Next meeting 17 January 2007 CIEH NI offices at 10:30am		