

Northern Ireland Region Report for 2009/10

Introduction

After four years of planning, uncertainty and upheaval and a total cost of about £9m, the proposed Review of Public Administration was abandoned for the time being and will most likely not be implemented now until 2015. Very few new posts have been created in Northern Ireland in recent times partly due to the uncertainty caused by RPA and of course this has now been overtaken by the recession and a need to save somewhere in the region of £2b across all sectors of the public service.

CPD Hours for 2009/10

An indication of the Region's CPD hours from 1 October 2009 – 30 September 2010 is attached in a spreadsheet.

Highlights of 2009/10

This year the Region has

- Started the presentation of a suite of low cost training events for members
- Worked with CIEH NI in the production of an integrated training/educational programme
- Supported two student members in attendance at the NW Region Student Symposium
- Renewed our cooperation with the NI Branch of the Faculty of Public Health with a view to promoting joint seminars and student exchanges
- Cooperated with our long time partners, EHOA in the production of the 13th All Island EH Conference
- Donated and shipped a consignment of just under 500 kilos of computer hardware, educational videos, monitoring equipment and other materials to the Clarence Phenix Memorial Library, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

2009/2010

Next year we intend to continue with the presentation of a suite of low cost training opportunities which is slowly gathering support from the employers.

We also intend to

- Campaign within the membership for increased participation from younger colleagues
- Continue our efforts in supporting Chamata, the Tanzanian EH Professional body
- Work with CIEH NI and the CEHOG specialist groups in ensuring that a mutually supportive comprehensive training programme is available for the NI membership
- Promote the All Island EH Conference with EHOA in a low cost, sustainable venue – a significant change from 4* hotels!

Finances

Our financial position has stayed relatively steady, we have reduced costs significantly over the last two years by the increased use of email in communication and the availability of meeting facilities at Philip House (CIEH NI) has enabled us to cut the costs of meetings.

Communicating with Members

Communications with the membership have improved considerably although we have been unable to produce a newsletter this year. We are confident that we can reach most of the members now by email.

Who's who / More information

Further information about the Region including contact details for office holders and Management Board members is available on our website: <http://www.cieh-nireland.org>