

Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

Following the success of **HEalth Factor 08** we are pleased to be able to invite you to join us for **HEalth Factor 09**. This week long series of events has a particular focus on the theme: 'People Matter'. It runs from 27 April – 2 May 09 and provides an ideal opportunity for networking and updating on trends and developments. Brief details are provided below and further information is available on the website www.staffs.ac.uk/healthfactor09.

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HEalth Factor 09

27 April – 2 May 2009

Many of our events are open to members of the public, colleagues from partner organisations and Staffordshire University students and staff. Full details of events running during this week may be viewed by visiting www.staffs.ac.uk/healthfactor09 which has the facility to register or confirm attendance at any of the events. Healthypartnerships@staffs.ac.uk

Programme of events:

Day	Event	Time and Campus
Monday 27th April 2009	'Treatment versus Care!' How do we reintegrate spirituality and dignity into care? Professor Wilf McSherry Inaugural Professorial Lecture	Limited places; invitation only For an invitation please contact healthypartnerships@staffs.ac.uk
Tuesday 28th April 2009	Careers in Health, Social Care and Sport and Exercise Conference	9.30am - 4.00pm Stafford Campus
Wednesday 29th April 2009	"Changing Cultures: Creating positive change in Health and Social Care" Master class with Neil Carr, OBE, Chief Executive South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	9.00am - 5.00pm Stafford Campus
Wednesday 29th April 2009	Basil Ashford Memorial Lecture "Performing in Extreme Environments" Professor Mike Tipton, University of Portsmouth	6.00pm - 9.00pm Stoke Campus
Thursday 30th April 2009	Centre of Health Psychology Open Afternoon	12.00 - 2.00pm Stoke Campus
Thursday 30th April 2009	'Feet: A Feat of Engineering' Professor Nachi Chockalingam Inaugural Professorial Lecture	Limited places; invitation only For an invitation please contact healthypartnerships@staffs.ac.uk
Friday 1st May 2009	May Day, May Day!!! Conference Health Protection Agency	9.00am - 5.00pm Stafford Campus
Saturday 2nd May 2009	"Protecting Women" Sexual Health Conference in conjunction with Genito-Urinary Nurses Association (GUNA)	9.00am - 4.30pm Stafford Campus

Progress

Internationally Excellent Research in Sport, Health and Exercise

The recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2008 has recognised the internationally excellent research being conducted by the Centre for Sport and Exercise Research at Staffordshire University. We submitted the 11th largest submission in sports related studies in terms of the number of staff demonstrating the broad range of high quality research being conducted. Our research covers areas related to; Physical Activity and Health; The Psychological Aspects of Sport, Health and Exercise; and the Social Aspects of Sport, Health and Exercise. In the RAE 2008 research was rated on a five point scale ranging from ungraded to 4*, with grades 2*, 3* and 4* denoting ascending grades of international research quality. In our submission 40% of research was graded at 2* and 20% was graded at 3* so overall the majority of the research was graded as international or internationally excellent in sports related studies. Dr Nigel Thomas, Head of Sport and Exercise says "These results are very pleasing demonstrating a substantial improvement in the quality and quantity of our research outputs and research environment since 2001 when the last RAE was conducted. We have also substantially increased our external income and the number of PhD research students. Developing a vibrant international standard research culture is very important to us, for staff development and so that our students on undergraduate and postgraduate courses are taught by staff at the forefront of current thinking in their discipline." The RAE panel offered praise for the submission noting that since the last assessment exercise the research environment had been "...Strengthened considerably ... and had benefited from investment in senior staff and research in infrastructure" and that the researchers benefited from "... strong collaborations regionally, nationally and internationally" The panel also noted that "...a good strategy was in place for further development of research" and Professor Rachel Davey, Director of the Centre for Sport Health and Exercise Research said "we will build on this excellent result and strengthen our research culture and outputs even further in the coming years."

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Allied Health Professions and Studies

The Faculty of Health submitted a response to Unit of Assessment (UoA) 12 Allied Health Professions and Studies and UoA 46 Sports Related Studies for the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise. The assessment for UoA 12 stated 'A majority of the research outputs were assessed at a quality that is recognised nationally and internationally ... some outputs demonstrated clear relevance to policy or practice'. The assessment for UoA 46 reported 'Nearly 60% of the outputs were at an international level ... the remainder were at a national level or below'. Overall this is a significant achievement for the research endeavour within the Faculty of Health.

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Good news items

Royal Society for Public Health



Congratulations to Paul Kingston who has been elected as an Honorary Fellow of the newly formed Royal Society for Public Health and therefore entitled to use the designation HFRSPH.

The Royal Society for Public Health is an independent, multi-disciplinary organisation dedicated to the promotion and protection of collective human health and wellbeing. Through advocacy, mediation, empowerment, knowledge and practice we advise on policy development, provide education and training services, encourage scientific research, disseminate information and certify products, training centres and processes. p.kingston@staffs.ac.uk

Chair of the National Development Team



The National Development Team for Inclusion (NDT) is a policy advice, consultancy, development and training organisation concerned with promoting inclusive lives for some of the most excluded people in our society. It has a particular interest in people with learning disabilities, mental health problems and older people.

Peter Gilbert, Professor of Social Work and Spirituality at Staffordshire University has been elected Chair and takes over from Jennifer Bernard who has served in that role since 1999. Peter, a former Director of Social Services in Worcestershire, is facilitator of the national Mental Health Social Care Strategic Network and has played a number of key roles in the National Institute for Mental Health in England. He is also a Visiting Professor at the University of Worcester and Birmingham and Solihull MHFT. p.gilbert@staffs.ac.uk

Membership of the Faculty of Travel Medicine



Sharon Graham has been formally admitted as a member of the Faculty of Travel Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. Having previously been an Associate of the Faculty from the summer of 2006, this acceptance for Membership was supported by well known and eminent people in the world of travel medicine. The Faculty has only been in existence for two years and Sharon is one of the Founder Members. There are less than 200 Founder Fellows, Members and Associates of the Faculty of whom at least 30% are nurses, this being possibly one of the only UK medical faculties to admit nurses in anything other than honorary status. The Faculty is multidisciplinary and was established at the end of 2005 with first admission in the summer of 2006. Its remit is to ensure high standards of travel medicine practice. s.r.graham@staffs.ac.uk

Fellowship in Podiatric Medicine. (FCPodMed)



Our colleague Dave Dunning has been elected as one of the Inaugural Fellows of the Faculty of Podiatric Medicine. His fellowship was conferred on him at the Society of Chiropractors and Podiatrists Conference in Bournemouth. The profession of Podiatry is a member of The Health Professions Council (HPC) the independent, UK-wide regulatory body responsible for setting and maintain standards of professional practice for 13 of the professions allied to health. The Society of Chiropractors and Podiatrists (SCP) is the main professional body in the UK that looks after the profession of Podiatry. It has a membership of over 10,000 private practitioners, NHS podiatrists and students. It monitors standards of undergraduate and post graduate education through its four faculties which are: the

Faculty of Undergraduate Education; the Faculty of Podiatric Medicine; the Faculty of Podiatric Surgery and the Faculty of Clinical Administration & Development. The Faculty of Podiatric Medicine has invited a small group to become inaugural fellows, whom they believe have "....demonstrated to his/her peers by means of appropriate assessment that they have achieved the highest professional standards within their chosen field of podiatric practice" Fellowship is therefore the highest grade offered by the College of Podiatrists of the SCP. David has been awarded this fellowship for his clinical activities. He was a pioneer of podiatric biomechanics and musculo-skeletal practice in the early days of the introduction of these, now universally accepted principles in the management of many foot and lower limb pathologies. It is also recognition of his role in championing high standards of professionalism and evidence based practice in podiatric biomechanics. dave.dunning@staffs.ac.uk

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Robson H, Gilbert P, Read K and Basnett F, from the Programme Area of Social Work and Advice Studies, have contributed to the *Oxford Handbook of Nursing Older People*, which has just been published by Oxford University Press.

Disability, Sport and Society - Authored by Dr Nigel Thomas



A new book which takes a comprehensive look at disability sport and its place in society has been launched. It has received the backing of Paralympian Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson, Pro Chancellor of Staffordshire University, who said it provided "a much needed critical examination of the opportunities and challenges facing the modern paralympics and disability sports movement." Co-author Dr Andy Smith graduated in Sport at Staffordshire University and is currently a Lecturer in the Sociology of Sport and Exercise at the University of Chester.

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Online publication

Three new, free online courses for nurses have just been launched on the website www.cancernursing.org All 3 courses have been authored by Bob Becker from the Faculty of Health and Severn Hospice Shropshire and represent the culmination of a year long project. The courses have been externally peer reviewed for quality by an international panel and have been developed with the support of educational grants from Help the Hospices and Napp Pharmaceuticals Limited in the UK. The courses examine pain from a palliative and cancer care context and all are available online from www.cancernursing.org. Course one is The Nature of Pain and Suffering, course two is The Assessment of Pain and course three is The Management of Pain. r.becker@staffs.ac.uk

Coming up in June 2009

§ **HEalth Factor 09**

§ **Curriculum Development**

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