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AFMS Conference 2008 Plymouth



The AFMS is scheduled to hold its next conference in Plymouth from October 1st to October 4th. Full details with a booking form will be issued in the next newsletter.

Information about Plymouth.

Plymouth nestles in an area of outstanding natural beauty, with the Dartmoor National Park to the north, the natural harbour of Plymouth Sound to the south and the rivers Plym and Tamar on either side. Its rich history and maritime heritage combine the advantages of city living with the benefits of having the countryside and coastline of Devon and Cornwall on its doorstep.

Planned Activities

As well as an extensive scientific programme, we are planning social activities such as trips to the Dockyard museum and Saltram House (Nat Trust) house and gardens which houses many Sir Joshua Reynolds and some Angelica Kaufman paintings. We are hoping to visit the National Aquarium, take a trip from the Mayflower steps by boat around the Harbour and go sightseeing in the Barbican. It is intended to go to the Eden Project on the Saturday and we hope to have lunch at a local yacht club on one of the days, (great views etc). The Gala Friday Night Dinner is planned for Royal Marine Barracks in a magnificent dining room.



The Eden Project



Saltram House

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Welcome to the latest edition of the AFMS news!!!

If there is anything you would like to be included in further editions. Please send an email to Tony Ridge at tonyridge72yahoo.co.uk

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Manchester Regional Meeting. Alliance Française Building 9th May.

• October 2008

Scientific Meeting. Plymouth October 1st to 4th.

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The James Tudor Prize

The AFMS is most grateful to the James Tudor Foundation for its support .

The James Tudor Foundation was established in 2004. It makes grants for charitable purposes, usually in the UK, across six programme areas:

- Palliative care
- Medical Research
- Health education, awards and scholarship
- The direct relief of sickness
- The UK independent healthcare sector
- The fulfilment of charitable objects by other means

The AFMS received a grant enabling students to travel to the Mont St Michel meeting in 2007 to present medical topics and to compete for The James Tudor Foundation Prize. As part of its continuing support of the AFMS, six students, who have applied for and won bursary support, will be invited to attend and give a presentation at the next AFMS conference in Plymouth.

They will compete for The James Tudor Prize of £800.

Students must prepare a 15 minute presentation on any medical related topic (Clinical preferred but others considered.) The 15 minutes is to include any questions. Students can choose a presentation based just on an elective report but it may be a case presentation or study.

The AFMS would like to thank the James Tudor Foundation for their support.



The Will Reynish Prize

This prize is offered bi-annually by the Society to assist and encourage UK graduates of medicine at SHO or SPR level to spend some time in a medical capacity in France. The Society is able to give interested parties contact details in France, subject to speciality.

It is named after, and given in memory of, a former member of the Society, Dr William Reynish, who died whilst walking in the Pyrenees. William was an active member of the AFMS and was working in Toulouse at the time of his death.

The AFMS has now increased the Will Reynish Prize to £250. In return the winner will be asked to present at the British meeting. Also the AFMS has agreed to include all doctors.

If anyone is interested then please can you apply by 31st July 2008 by contacting Tony Ridge at tonyridge72@yahoo.co.uk

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French for Medics Course



Do you want to know how to

- Take a medical history?
- Communicate confidently with your peers?
- Write medical reports?
- And much more..?

Doctors who would like to work abroad can learn the terms of the trade in French, thanks to a new course. Kings College London has launched a French for medics course to teach clinicians medical phrases and terminology.

The course will also teach students how the French health system works. Michael Barber, business development officer at the university's modern language centre, said that there was clear demand for the course.

Find out more at

www.kcl.ac.uk/schools/humanities/mlc/evening/levels/frenchmedics.html

020 7848 2890 email modern.language@kcl.ac.uk

Wednesdays 6-8pm.

Requirements—to have an A level in French (or equivalent) and to be a doctor.

Intermediate French Conversation Weekend

There is a French Conversation weekend (although this is not organised by the AFMS) with Martine Nichols, which will take place over the weekend 4th to the 6th April at Wedgwood Memorial College, Barlaston Village, STOKE. Interested parties should call the college on 01782 372105/ 373427 or email the college Wedgwood.memorial@stoke.gov.uk. Please note that this course is organised by the college itself.

Manchester Meeting—9th May 2008

The 12th North West Regional Meeting will take place on Friday 9th May. Cost to delegates is only £7.50 per head with students free of charge. The venue is the Alliance Francaise office in Manchester.

Details

Registration at 6.00pm to 6.30pm

Meeting starts at 6.30pm

Presentations

Buffet 8.30pm to 9.30pm with a fine selection of French wines

9.30pm Meeting Finishes.

Please complete the enclosed application form and send it to the address on the form.





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Chamonix

Winter Conference

Jan 31st to February 3rd 2008



Twenty delegates met at the “Hotel Aiguille du Midi”, in Chamonix, Haute Savoie, France between the 31st January and 3rd February 2008. As before there was a UK meeting in which there were 4 presentations:

Dr. Janet Hall gave us an overview on the benefits and disadvantages of exercise, and most unusually, for such discussions, supported her talk with facts; we were delighted to learn that there are only 0.8 deaths per 100,000 marathon runners and one serious injury for every 350 hours of horse-riding. New bindings and boots have reduced skiing injuries from 5-8 per 1000 skiing days to 2-3....important for the out-of-conference activities in Chamonix.



Dr. John Wilkinson brought us up to date with an EU study looking at the variation in health indicators in EU regions (as opposed to countries). Seventy three indicators are presently used to classify European regions and it will be fascinating to see how the EU Commission uses these data maybe to direct aid to areas not necessarily favoured by National Governments? Dr. Helen

Sykes and Mr. Andrew Forrester treated us to a double act that, whilst very enjoyable, was on the serious subject of Torture and its effects on shoulder function in Asylum Seekers. We were to learn that the methods used by the Catholic Church in centuries past have been refined by modern states only a little. Andy was ably supported in his demonstration of shoulder examination by a beautiful young model with intact shoulder function! Prof. Gareth Williams was unable to attend and his talk was replaced by one on the “Disaster of MMC” given by Dr. Colin Mumford. This led to a wide-ranging discussion on the merits of planning post-graduate medical training.. The main out-of-conference activities were, as one might perhaps expect, skiing and mountain walking in the gloriously beautiful Haute-Savoie.



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Interesting But True

According to a recent survey the French are the worst whingers in the workplace followed by the UK, Sweden and then the USA. Holland has the least complainers

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