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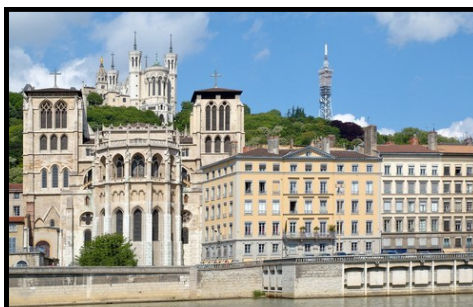
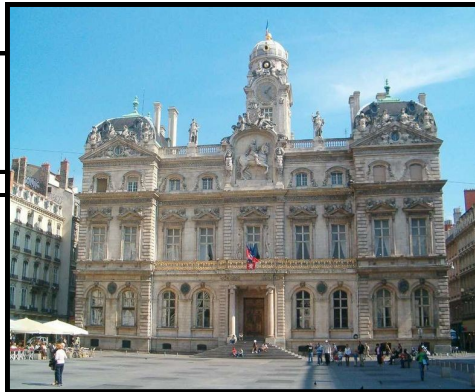
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Lyon Conference September 23rd to 26th, 2009.

It is only about two months before the 26th AFMS / AFMB conference takes place in Lyon.

There are only a few places left and an early booking is highly recommended to guarantee the final places. In this newsletter you will find provisional copies of the scientific programmes as well as a booking form.

Lyon is a major centre of business, situated between Paris and Marseille and has a reputation as the French capital of gastronomy as well as having a significant role in the history of cinema with Auguste and Louis Lumière. The local professional football team, Olympique Lyonnais, has increased the profile of Lyon internationally, through participation in European football championships. The residents of the city are called *Lyonnais*. Together with its suburbs and satellite towns, Lyon forms the second-largest metropolitan area in France after that of Paris, with the population of its urban area estimated to be 1,783,400 and that of its metropolitan area 4,415,000 (2007). Its urban region (*Urban Community of Lyon*), represents half of the Rhône-Alpes *région* population with three million inhabitants. Lyon is also a major industrial centre specialising in chemical, pharmaceutical, and biotech industries. The city also contains a significant software industry with a particular focus on video games. Lyon is the *préfecture* (capital) of the Rhône *département* and also the capital of the Rhône-Alpes *région*. The city is known for its historical and architectural landmarks and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lyon was historically known as the *silk capital of the world*. The city is known as the culinary capital of France. It also hosts numerous international headquarters like Interpol, Euronews, and the International Agency for Research on Cancer or Cité Scolaire International de Lyon.



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Welcome to the latest edition of the AFMS news!!! If there is anything you would wish to have included in future editions, please send an email to the administrative secretary at tonyridge72@yahoo.co.uk

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AFMS Conference in Lyon France. 23rd to 26th September.

• October 2009

Intermediate French course- Wedgewood Memorial College, Stoke on Tent. Date 2nd to the 4th October.

• January 2010

Medical French Course- Burton Manor. Date 22nd to 24th January 2010.

• February 2010

AFMS Winter Conference Chamonix. Date 4th to 7th February 2010.



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Visiting Lecturer Programme

The AFMS has had an excellent response from members who have shown their interest to register as visiting lecturers to teach medical English in France to French students. The next step is to trial the programme. In September, some members of the committee will be visiting one of the French cities involved in the programme and will be able to provide feedback in the next newsletter. If you would like to be part of the programme please email your CV with your availability and all the information required (available by looking at our last newsletter on our website) to the admin secretary at tonyridge72@yahoo.co.uk

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Chamonix Conference February 2010

The 12th AFMS Winter meeting is scheduled to take place in Chamonix, Haute Savoie, France at the Hotel de l'Aiguille du Midi from the 4th to the 7th February 2010. The AFMS have used this hotel several times in the past. L'Aiguille du Midi hotel offers a wonderful setting in the heart of the Alps, in the village of Bossons, within close vicinity of *Mont Blanc* tunnel and only 1,8 miles/3 km from the centre of Chamonix. The hotel is near to Bossons's glacier, the biggest in Europe. L'Aiguille du Midi hotel is a Michelin "bib" hotel which is recommended for good value accommodation. It has 40 comfortable rooms and a restaurant, offering a traditional quality cuisine, a wide variety of dishes and Savoy specialities. To get to Chamonix is easy. The nearest airport is Geneva and there is a bus from the airport to the town. By booking early you may benefit from cheap flights. Further details and a booking form will be available in the next newsletter.



Did You Know

Spanish Airlines, Iberia, lost the most luggage per passenger in 2009 at 19 bags per 1,000, followed by Air France at 18 bags per 1,000. British Airways were not far behind at 15 bags per 1,000. A vast improvement for BA from 38 bags per 1,000 in 2007!

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Provisional Scientific Programme for the Lyon Conference

Jeudi 24 Septembre

8h30 Allocution d'accueil par les présidents de l'AFMS et l'AMFB.

Official Opening of the Meeting: Welcome by the Presidents.

8h45-9h15 Dr Belinda Johnston: Dépistage du cancer colique en Grande-Bretagne.

9h15-9h45 Dr Sean BENNET: Acupuncture in General Practice.

9h45-10h15 Pr Laurent GUYOT: "La reconstruction nasale à travers les ages" (traitant plus de l'historique que des techniques pour ne pas être trop rébarbatif).

10h15- 10h40 Mr Benoit MIRBEL: Présentation de la Fondation MERIEUX.

10h40-11h00 Pause Café.

11h00-11h30 Mr Didier Carnet: Etude sur les motivations de médecins français partant travailler en Grande Bretagne

11h30-12h00 Dr Alain JEAN: Mr CHIRAC, a t'il été un bon médecin?

Conclusions de la session.

Vendredi 25 Septembre

8h20-8h50 Pr Pierre MOURIQUAND: "Disorders of Sex development: Routes and false-routes" ou "Anomalies du développement sexuel: Routes et fausses routes."

8h50-9h20 Dr Peter Smith: Percutaneous aortic valve replacement; the future?

9h20-9h45 Dr Nicola Strickland: CT versus MR. Which shows the best?

9h45 – 11h Présentations par les étudiants dans le cadre du concours pour le prix James Tudor.

11h –11h20 Pause Café.

11h20 Assemblée générale de l'Anglo-French Medical society et de l'association médicale Franco-britannique.

18h30 Pr René Mornex: Médecin honoraire des hôpitaux. Doyen honoraire de la faculté de médecine de Lyon : Conclusions de la session.

L'Hôtel-Dieu, Berceau Médical de Lyon, contribution de Grands Médecins Lyonnais aux progrès de la Médecine.

Samedi 26 Septembre

9h00-9h40 Dr Vincent Desportes: La déficience intellectuelle, problème de santé publique. Son diagnostic précoce, rôle de la génétique- considérations éthiques.

9h40-10H Dr Hervé TESTARD: La Pédiatrie en France et en Grande-Bretagne.

10h15-10h30 Pause Café.

10h30- 11h Dr Carol Barton: Napoleon and St Helena.

11h -11h30 Dr Jean Louis Large: Prise en charge du traitement de l'ostéoporose- Comparaison des pratiques entre la France et la Grande-Bretagne.

11h30-12h00 David Ian McGregor: Comparaison du système éducatif médical Français et Britannique.

12h30 Conclusions de la session et du congrès.

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Are we no longer enjoying French wine?

Our neighbour across the Channel has now dropped to fifth place in British wine drinkers' affections, overtaken by South Africa, as well as Australia, the United States and Italy. British wine drinkers have been steadily put off by high prices – thanks to the weak exchange rate with the euro – complex labels and lack of big brands from France, according to experts, who said the march of New World wine was unstoppable. The situation is so bad that British importers, including the supermarket chains Tesco and Morrisons, have clubbed together to implore the French government to improve the image of its wine. The latest sales figures from Nielsen, (a company that provides market research on consumers' spending patterns) which include trade from supermarkets and off-licences, suggest that 2.8 million cases of French bottles were sold in the three months to the middle of June. This was just behind South Africa for the first time on 2.9 million and well behind the market leader Australia on 4.7 million. Despite the revolution in consumers drinking habits, which has seen wine and champagne become increasingly popular at the expense of beer, most chose their tittle on price alone. Allan Cheesman, a wine consultant who used to head up Sainsbury's wine department, said: "There are 32 million people who drink wine in Britain, but 23 million drink less than three bottles a month. Most British consumers know that the cork goes in the thin end and that's it. "The New World provide wines that are easy to drink, easy to sell, which trade on low price and big brands. The French have yet to master this formula."

One of the biggest problems for French wine, in British consumers' eyes, is that ancient laws make it very difficult for French producers to market their wine by the "varietal", the type of grape used. For young drinkers brought up on New World wine that are labelled clearly as Chardonnay or Pinot Noir it can be baffling to work out what goes into the French wines such as Chablis or Burgundy.

In a letter to the French agriculture & fisheries minister Michel Barnier, the British importers said: "We are united in the belief that France needs to change the way it promotes its wine in the UK if it is to ever regain – or even stabilise – its market share." Tesco's Graham Nash highlighted the example of South Africa, where producers put national benefit ahead of personal gain. "In France there are disputes within regions as well as between them," he told Off Licence News. He said the regions of France must work together to promote national wines, with clear brands. Experts fear, however, that French wine is just too expensive for many drinkers, who spend just £4.25 per bottle on average. While 68 per cent of Australian wines are sold on promotion – either discounted or as part of a 3-for-£10 deal – just 40 per cent of French wines are on special offer.

Live Longer? Move to France!

Britons searching for "La Joie de Vivre" should move to France to feel happier and healthier, according to a survey of expatriates. People living across the channel are also likely to find their French neighbours more attractive and better dressed but perhaps not as witty or good company. The survey of 1,000 Britons living in France found 87% happier since moving and 94% felt healthier, with the majority eating better, cooking more and getting more exercise. Most Britons also said France had better standards of behaviour, stronger family values, more respect for elderly people, less crime and less stress.