

Notes and news

National Conference Organizing Committee

The Association is delighted to announce the formation of a National Conference Organizing Committee (NCOC), which will be convened following our Annual Conference in London on 21–22 September 2012. This group will be made up of individuals from around the UK who have an interest in the planning and development of the ACPWH Annual Conference.

A call for applications for a chair and two committee members to join the NCOC was announced on the Association's website on 17 May. The closing date for submissions was 2 July, and the successful candidates will begin a 2-year term in November 2012.

Ruth Hawkes FCSP
ACPWH Chairman

Calling new area representatives

Our Association has an excellent network of representatives (see pp.31–32) who support women's health physiotherapists in their areas. The role involves acting as a local point of contact for members of ACPWH, and promoting continuing professional development in a variety ways (e.g. through meetings, workshops and talks) in order to meet member's needs. Representatives also disseminate information from the Association to members in their regions and provide it with feedback on their behalf. They are invited to meet with the Area Representatives Coordinator in London once a year.

Pauline Walsh is the current Area Representatives Coordinator, and since there are now vacancies for representatives in South Midlands (which includes Oxford), Midlands and East Anglia, anyone who is interested in becoming one should contact her for details of how to apply and more information on the role (e-mail: paulinewalsh@condormail.com). In some areas, the job has been shared between two people. You can read up on what is happening in your area in the "Around the regions" reports posted in the members-only section of the ACPWH website (<http://acpwh.csp.org.uk>).

As the area representative for North East England, I have a personal perspective on acting as a link between the members in my region and ACPWH. My main responsibility is to get local

members together twice a year, and I encourage them to contribute to these meetings and provide feedback on what they are doing. What I enjoy most about this role is arranging these gatherings, getting support myself and helping members to develop, especially new women's health physiotherapists.

Not too much time is involved in acting as an area representative. I send some e-mails on a weekly basis and I coordinate our meetings. If I am organizing a workshop, the new ACPWH Workshop Coordinator is available to help. I also find the annual meetings in London useful because these provide me with support and keep me in touch with the other representatives.

The things you need for the role are computer literacy and a willingness to be involved. I would encourage anyone interested to find out more about how to apply.

Shirley Bustard MCSP
News Editor

Papers in other journals

"Papers in other journals" is a feature that lists references for articles of interest to women's health physiotherapists that have appeared in other publications. Themed sections on topics such as obstetrics, bladder dysfunction and gynaecology catalogue papers printed in English by major journals from around the world. Formerly published in the print edition of the *Journal*, this members-only resource is now exclusively available in the relevant section of the ACPWH microsite (<http://acpwh.csp.org.uk/group-journal>).

Samantha Gillard, the Association's Treasurer, also coordinates the ACPWH members who compile the listings. Since some of the team are moving on, she would like new volunteers to help produce "Papers in other journals". Each compiler only deals with a small number of publications so the workload is not too onerous. Furthermore, the effort volunteers put in contributes to their continuing professional development.

Can you help? If so, please contact the Papers in Other Journals Coordinator (e-mail: samantha.gillard@btinternet.com).

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