

AOHNP-UK –POOSH report February 2016

The AOHNP (UK) was founded in 1992 to increase representation and raise the profile of occupational health nurses. It is now a respected national organisation solely representing this professional group of occupational health nurse practitioners working across all sectors of UK industry and at all levels of employment from service directors to students.

Professional Development

The **AGM**, which is held in autumn each year, is followed by the **Good Practice Forum** (GPF). The GPF is open to non-members. In 2015 this was held in September in London, in 2016 it will be at Paisley, Scotland.

Ruth Alston Memorial Lecture (RAML)

This lecture and dinner is held annually at the NEC between the two days of the HW@W conference as many people will be staying overnight. (8 March 2016)

The lecture in 2016 will be by Dr Tim Marsh, a Chartered Psychologist who is also a Chartered Fellow of IOSH

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The **development and signposting of on-line CPD resources** is on-going by the Professional Development Director and others.

Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the President and the Professional Development Director of the Association. 15 scholarships of £100 have been given in the last year.

AOHNP Educational Cruise to Bruges from Southampton took place October 10-12. 2015. This was a new venture for AOHNP and allowed OHN to network and listen to talks on topics of interest e.g. Revalidation and driving standards.

We had a tour of the Medical Centre and a talk from the Ship's Doctor and Nurse.

In total 3 hours of Participatory CPD was provided.

Revalidation Pilot Group

We took part in the NMC Nursing and Midwifery Council Revalidation Pilot to test the new Revalidation process for 2016. 30 OHAs took part. We continue this work in the form of Revalidation Roadshows and will be doing about 15 around the country.

Leadership and organisation

The Association is represented by members on:

- Council for Work and Health
- FOHN (Faculty of Occupational Health Nursing) a donation from AOHNP-UK of up to £8000 has been set aside for the set up cost
- British Dietetic Association workplace initiatives group