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Forum launch

As you have probably already heard, we will be moving to the NZIEH website forum for our profession network 'chat room' by 1st May 2017.

If you do not have a log in for the member only section of the website, email info@nzieh.org.nz to make sure you are able to access the forums.

Hopefully you have had a chance to look inside the members only section of the forum and can see the potential for this to be an excellent resource. You will need to log in to use the links below.

Peer review/expert panels:

We are looking for members with a particular area of expertise to offer to participate in peer review panels:

Aims to:

- help create best practice guidance
- assist members
- provide some consistency
- be a source of info if President wants to make a press release

Look for the sticky threads in the [forum](#).

You don't have to know everything, but if you have a particular area of knowledge, please put yourself forward. You can be very specific in your 'expertise'.



2017 Conference Palmerston North

The NZIEH would like to congratulate the Central North Island Branch on an excellent conference.

It was a great platform for professional development and for networking. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) certificates will follow shortly for all attendees.

The presentations are now available on the website [here](#).

Some presenters did not use powerpoint, but their talks were very informative. An attempt is made below to share these presentations.



If you haven't yet liked the NZIEH on facebook yet, [like](#) for updates of news stories from around the globe on environmental health issues.



Mike Webster at MPI recently requested that TAs contact him if they wanted to discuss establishing consistent guidelines for dealing with businesses who fail to register or transition. To express an interest, email [Mike](#) directly.

Report any problems with the website or newsletter to info@nzieh.org.nz

Some conference presentations in brief



Meth Lab Identification: Det Sgt George Campbell

The aim of the presentation was to give people who are walking into homes where they may put themselves at risk of Meth exposure some guidelines on what to look for, to know when they are at risk.

[Read more.](#)

Housing and Health—The Solutions: Dr Nelson Lebo

Dr Lebo stressed that blaming tenants for damp housing and telling them to open their windows is not the answer. He gave some practical solutions to reducing dampness in homes at minimal cost.

[Read more](#)



Hoarding & Squalor Guidelines: Dr Jonathon Jarman



Taranaki District Health Board and the TAs in the region have created a collaborative working group with a protocol on dealing with hoarders. No single agency has all the tools needed to address hoarding behaviour, working collaboratively gives a more effective way to work with individuals long term.

[Read more](#)

Allergen Management in Food Safety: Penny Jorgensen

Penny's presentation is included on the website, a couple of useful links from her talk:

Front of House [staff training video](#) on allergy awareness developed by Hospitality New Zealand.

Guidance material for the [ECE sector](#) on allergy management.



NZIEH branch training opportunities coming up

Wellington branch

Karen Perry (Safe Food Services) is offering a 2 day training course in **advanced verification skills**.

Venue: TBC

Date: TBC—likely to be 5th April

Cost: \$500 +GST per person

Currently calling for expressions of interest to establish the viability of the course, please contact [Raaj Govinda](#) Hutt City Council before the **6th March 2017** to register your interest.

Southern Branch

Southern Branch are holding a **Food Labelling training** day, facilitated by DCC.

Venue: Dunedin City Council

Date: 30th March

Time: 11am to 2pm

Cost: \$60 +GST per person

Optional: 2.30-4pm to complete FSO labelling training module with support.

Reserve a place by contacting [Tanya Morrison](#) before the **17th March 2017**.

A Southern Branch NZIEH meeting will be held 10 am -11 am

Request for input to future newsletters

We hope you are finding the new newsletters helpful.

If you have anything that was just a bit different that you could contribute a short article about, please contact [NZIEH admin](#) for our June Newsletter.

We need more contributions to keep this interesting.