

# Press Release - 27<sup>th</sup> May 2005

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## **At a Glance.**

### **Official Launch of CPDConference.org - The New Learning and Development Centre for Healthcare Professionals.**

- CPDConference.org is a new website for healthcare professionals.
- Showcasing training, research and learning opportunities for delegates.
- Continuing Professional Development is the focus of the conference.
- Affordable and timely solutions to professional needs are available.
- Organisations, groups and individuals contribute to the learning activities.
- Features are peer-reviewed by Specialist Committee Members from a practical, educational and industrial background.

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CPDConference.org is a new innovation and the first of its kind for healthcare professionals. Training, research and lifelong learning are the key features available to international delegates attending the virtual conference centre. The unique online conference concept focuses on providing continuing professional development (CPD) resources for healthcare specialities. CPDConference.org is a multi-professional website environment, where the conference facilities are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

CPDConference.org is an affordable and timely solution for professional development provision. No specific membership and registration fees are required to gain access to the main conference facilities. The Conference website was developed as a free public service for educators and delegates wishing to access any of the following facilities;

Distance Learning and e-Training opportunities, Conference Presentations and Posters, Jobs, Recruitment Advice, Event Calendars and Noticeboards, Research, Libraries Online, Industrial Exhibitions, Special Interest Groups.

CPDConference.org concentrates on showcasing group and individual projects and provides information on activities available to healthcare professionals that contribute to their continuing professional development. This multi-professional resource is designed to complement the dynamic and overlapping responsibilities of healthcare professionals that are no longer working in strictly defined roles or specialist areas.

Professional, educational and health information organisations have provided guidance for the development of this website but CPDConference.org is an independent service and is not directly linked to or controlled by any third party organisation. The Conference resources and activities are peer-reviewed by the Speciality and Professions Committee Members who are from a practical, academic and industrial background.

CPDConference.org is based on an idea conceived by Conference Manager Neil Spence, a state registered Radiographer with 10 years industry experience.

Neil explains, *“The main concept originated as a response to the Health Professions Council (HPC) consultation paper published in early September 2004. The HPC proposes the introduction of mandatory CPD, guidelines that will affect all state registered allied health professionals. As a Radiographer working in the NHS since 1995, my concerns matched those of my colleagues; that potentially staffing and funding restrictions could lead to some healthcare employees not being able to fulfil the increasing CPD requirements and could, therefore, face removal from the state register or at least be seriously out-of-pocket. CPDConference.org is designed to help.”*

For further information about CPDConference.org or any of the resources available, please contact:

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#### **Notes to editors:**

- The project has been in full time development since September 2004.
- CPDConference.org receives no funding from the Government or Professional Bodies to carry out this work.
- CPDConference.org is managed and maintained by KOSMOS Software Ltd.
- CPDConference.org has recently published the Conference’s ‘First Announcement and Call for Papers, Posters and Proposals’, details are available on the website homepage.
- Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available at CPDConference.org

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