EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

We have all been shocked by the emergency situation in the Republic of Haiti after the earthquake which has claimed thousands of lives and left the survivors in turmoil. Dental Tribune is appealing to all readers who wish to help by donating much needed funds to help the relief effort to Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), an international, independent, medical humanitarian organisation that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, healthcare exclusion and natural or man-made disasters. What makes this the more poignant is that the team at MSF responding to this disaster is still trying to account for colleagues who were already working in Haiti, and who may not have survived.

To help, go to www.msf.org.uk/supportus.aspx and click on the link to donate to the Haiti relief fund. Thanks in advance for your support.

Chief dental officer awarded CBE

New Year’s Honours List sees both CDO and former GDC president named

The chief dental officer for England and the GDC’s former president were both awarded CBEs in the New Year Honour List. CDO Barry Cockcroft received a CBE for his contribution to dentistry and public health in Britain.

Prior to joining the Department of Health, Dr Cockcroft, chief dental officer since June 2006, worked as a NHS general practitioner for 27 years.

He commissioned Prof Steele to carry out the Steele report, an independent review of NHS dentistry, following the House of Commons Select Committee review of the new contract.

Dr Cockcroft is currently working on behalf of the government to carry out the recommendations of the report.

Former President of the General Dental Council’s (GDC) Hew Mathewson was awarded a CBE in the New Year’s Honours list for his services to healthcare.

Mr Mathewson has been a member of the GDC since 1994 and was president from 2003 until September 2009 when he became the Council’s first ever chair. He handed over to Alison Lockyer in January 2010.

Ms Lockyer said: “No one could have done more for the GDC than Hew over the six years he was at the helm. We’re indebted to him for his assiduous efforts. This award is really well deserved. ”

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