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 PUBLIC HEALTH

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 *Elections 2012*

 APPLICATION TO BE CO-OPTED

 ON TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

 *Closing Time: 23.59 GMT Monday 14 January*

The Association secretariat is at

wphnasecretariat@gmail.com

**This is the address for any queries, to be sent in good time please.**

**This is also the address to send completed applications.**

**Incomplete applications are liable to be disqualified**

**Before you fill in this form please read the text below that follows the application**

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**This is my application to become a member of the Association’s Executive Committee.**

**I have read, understood and accept the points made in the text that follows this application.**

**I confirm that I am a paid-up** member of the Association, and that I am qualified to become a member of the Association’s Executive Committee.

I understand that if co-opted, I will share responsibility for the governance of the Association. I confirm that I am able and ready to undertake the specific work for which I am applying.

I have no conflicting or competing interests that might inappropriately affect my judgement as a member of the Association’s governing body, or that might reasonably be seen to do so. Alternatively, I have filled in the section ‘Conflicting or competing interests’ in my application below, and accept that the decision of the scrutineers on whether or not these disqualify me is final.

I hereby apply to be co-opted as a member of the Executive Committee.

Name: ……………………………………………………………………………………

Employment or appointment(s)……………………………………………………….

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I hereby apply for one of the following posts on the Executive Committee.

(Tick only one box in this list, please)

**□ Executive Secretary**

**□ Conferences Secretary**

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Please guide executive committee members in their decisions by filling in this form. The overall length of what you write (including the headings, but not this passage or the footnote) should be a maximum of 750 words. Please complete all these items: if you do not, your application may be disqualified.

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**Executive Committee post applied for (as stated above)**

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**Main professional qualifications for this position**

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**Relevant personal qualities for this position**

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**Key work already done for the Association (if none, say none)**

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**Current and relevant previous appointments/ employment**

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**Special interests and knowledge**

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**Experience as a team convenor or leader**

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**Reasons for commitment to public health nutrition**

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**As a member of the Executive Committee my main aims will be:**

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1. Conflicting or competing interests. A direct conflicting interest would disqualify

 applicants. Indirect or minor conflicts, or competing interests, are usually not a bar, but may require a Executive Committee member to be excused from some policy discussions. If in doubt please consult the Association secretariat before filling in this application. The

 scrutineers may ask applicants for details of other interests and may disqualify candidates.

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***Schedule***

The application schedule is as follows:

1December -15 January Time for applications

15 January-early February Scrutiny

February Decision by Executive Committee

March Co-opted members first attend Executive Committee

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***Would you like to apply?***

Membership of the Executive Committee, as the Association’s governing body, is a substantial responsibility. Members serve for four years, and after that may stand for

election to serve for a further four years. (The President serves for one term of four years). All currently paid-up members of the Association are eligible to vote in our elections, and also are eligible to apply to become a member of the Executive Committee. We expect that candidates will have proven relevant experience.

We encourage members from the global South, women, and younger members, to stand. Applicants with less experience who apply but are not elected, may be selected to become a member of a relevant Executive Committee member’s team, and in this way they will gain more experience.

***Are you a voting member?***

If you are an Association member and have paid your annual subscription within this last year (as from 1 September 2011),you are eligible to vote.

If you are not sure if you have paid in this time, or if you think you may have a direct conflicted interest (for example, employment by sectors of the food industry whose interests do or may conflict with those of public health) please contact

wphnasecretariat@gmail.com.

If you are not now currently paid-up but wish to join, please access our website without delay, find ‘membership’ and follow the instructions, and in case of any difficulty contact our membership secretariat at *wphnamembership@gmail.com**.*