

30 Years of Pioneering Travel Health

2015 marks the 30th Anniversary of TRAVAX®

Happy New Year and welcome to the first TRAVAX anniversary newsletter.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of TRAVAX which has been at the forefront of travel medicine since it began in 1985.

TRAVAX was created in response to the demand for travel health information from primary care in Scotland and is now widely used by healthcare professionals throughout the UK and overseas.

The Travel and International Health Team of Health Protection Scotland (HPS) continually work to maintain and update TRAVAX, ensuring that it continues to provide comprehensive travel health information to support healthcare professionals.

We are keen to thank TRAVAX users and contributors for their continued support and have planned a variety of celebratory activities that will take place throughout the year.

Bi-monthly anniversary newsletters will showcase those individuals that have contributed to the continuing success of TRAVAX, including user testimonials, team profiles, and a journey through the history of TRAVAX past, present and future.

Welcome to 2015 - the TRAVAX anniversary year!

Dr Duncan F. McCormick

TRAVAX is a unique resource and we are proud to support its use within NHS Scotland. We are aware that TRAVAX is used extensively across the UK and overseas, highlighting what a real success story the website has been over the 30 years of its existence.

The main strength of TRAVAX is that it aims to give practical and evidence-based travel health information which is updated by the specialist travel health team at HPS, making it well-suited to the clinical setting. The website is person-centred and provides safe, effective and consistent risk assessment information. We are confident of the high standard of advice and information it contains.

One contributory factor to the success of TRAVAX is that it has continually developed over the years, moving with the times and evolving to meet changing customer needs.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish TRAVAX and the staff at HPS who continue to develop and maintain this extremely valuable resource, a very successful 30th anniversary year.

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TRAVAX Facts

17,000 TRAVAX users in 24 countries, 7 million pages viewed annually.

The Travax Team.

