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New online resources for health journalists

A wide range of online e-learning resources and tools are now available free of charge to health journalists seeking to develop their knowledge and skills.

The materials, developed through the 2-year EU-funded HeaRT (Health Reporter Training) project, cover a range of topics relevant to health journalism, and which are not taught in basic journalism training. They are all available in English, and some are also available in the languages of the other five partner countries in the project (Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece and Romania). The topics include:

- ▶ Medical research and science
- ▶ The business & economics of healthcare
- ▶ Health policy
- ▶ Healthcare quality and performance
- ▶ Global health
- ▶ Consumer & Lifestyle health
- ▶ Health disparities
- ▶ How to understand statistics
- ▶ How to do multimedia reporting
- ▶ Public Health & the politics of healthcare
- ▶ How to evaluate conflicts of interest
- ▶ How to understand hospital & other financial reports
- ▶ The workings of publicly financed health programs

The e-learning training tool is available on the HeaRT website at:

<http://www.projectheart.eu/index.php/projectheart/tools/elearning> .

Registration is easy and free of charge, and also allows journalists to find:

- ▶ a database of available training opportunities on health reporting
- ▶ useful links, resources and in some cases videos from the workshops
- ▶ A glossary of health related terms – in six languages
- ▶ an "ask for an article review" section

The project, which concluded with a lively European conference in Athens with over 110



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participants, is summed up in the attached Newsletter (No.3).

Training packages featuring eight of the topics were delivered to British health journalists and journalism students in four days of workshops in June, two in London and two in Coventry University.

Employers wishing to arrange for selected modules to be delivered in their workplace are invited to contact **Dr John Lister** at: j.lister@coventry.ac.uk or on **07774 264112**.