

**A** DISTINGUISHED career in the medical profession has been rewarded with an honorary fellowship of the British Faculty of Public Health for Dr Eleanor Steiner of Atlantic House, Easdale.

Dr Steiner received the accolade in recognition of 40 years work in the field of public health in a career which has involved projects in Switzerland, the United States and Canada.

The honour was conferred on Dr Steiner by the president of the faculty at a recent awards ceremony in London. Paul Scourfield, chief executive of the Faculty of Public Health, said: 'We are delighted to recognise her career in public health. Dr Steiner was a founding member of the faculty in 1972 and has remained a loyal and valued member. When this round of fellowships came up we felt it was appropriate to reward her for all her hard work over the years.'

Dr Steiner grew up in Ross-shire and attended Albyn School in Aberdeen, continuing her studies at the city's university. She remained in Aberdeen for a further 10 years where she gained her diploma in public health.

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As senior medical officer, she worked on developing Aberdeen's domiciliary family planning service from Forrethill Hospital where she specialised in maternity and child health. In this role Dr Steiner was a leading figure in encouraging the expansion of pre-school education and nurseries and contributing to studies of child development.

On joining the Royal College of General Practitioners in 1974 she became a vociferous campaigner for preventative medicine and spent much time on the study of breast cancer.

When Dr Steiner and her author husband Mark Steiner moved to Argyll she assisted in the development of the associate doctor scheme to support single doctor practices. Dr Steiner has now retired but still keeps her hand in as a consultant adviser to various national and international bodies as well as writing occasionally for medical journals. She is also chairperson of Oban Readers Group and co-writes fiction with her husband.

# Easdale Doctor rewarded for forty years service



Dr Eleanor Steiner of Oban with the Consul General of Switzerland, Mr Bruno Widrig