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Research Strategy Working Group

The Faculty is keen to develop a strategy strengthening the evidence-based research on Occupational Health.

We are keen to approach this in a systematic way and are therefore looking to set up a small working group to lead on the development of this strategic plan.

The purpose of the group is to develop a more focused research strategy, with a view to strengthening the evidence base needed to meet the OH needs of the working-age population over next 10-15 years.

A key question for the research group to ask is "What are the OH areas which need a better evidence base?"

We envisage this to be a project lasting 4-6 months, with two face-to-face meetings and direct contact by email and teleconference.

If you are thinking of joining or wish to lead the group please fill in the application form, highlighting your experience and motivation to join this initiative. Completed application forms should be sent to <u>Cinzia.spinazze@fom.ac.uk</u> by 2 July 2014. It would be helpful if the subject of your email could be "Research Working Group application" followed by your surname.

The role

- provide strategic leadership and guidance to the research and identify sources of evidence to answer the research question above;
- develop a plan that will help to improve evidence base in the OH identified areas, with clear goals and a plan of how to achieve them;
- To liaise closely with FOM President;
- To report to the FOM board;

Person specification

<u>Knowledge</u>

Occupational Health

<u>Skills</u>

- Research methods theoretical knowledge
- Research methods practical application
- Critical Thinking

Appointment

Committee members will be appointed by the Board, on the recommendation of an appointment panel, for a period of two years in the first instance.

Expenses

This an honorary appointment; travel and other necessary expenses incurred in travelling to meetings and carrying out the role will be reimbursed in accordance with the Faculty's business travel and expenses policy.

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