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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Faculty Board vacancies

Members: your opportunity to help shape the future of the Faculty

Nominations are being sought for four elected posts on this Faculty Board. The remit for each post is set out in the calling notices listed below, each of which has a link to the relevant application form:

TWO universally elected members:

<http://www.fom.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013-Board-nomination-notice-universal.pdf>

Dr Julia Smedley will complete two three-year terms at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May, and is therefore unable to seek re-election; Professor Raymond Agius will complete his first three-year term and is thus eligible for re-election.

ONE constituency elected member for Wales:

<http://www.fom.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013-Board-nomination-notice-Wales.pdf>

Dr Mike Tidley completes his first three-year term at the AGM in May 2013 and is eligible for re-election.

ONE constituency elected member from affiliating Diplomates:

<http://www.fom.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013-Board-nomination-notice-affiliate.pdf>

Dr Brendan Dooris was co-opted to this Board position, when it was introduced in 2011 to recognise the important contribution that diplomates make to the wider practice of occupational health. With the change in the Faculty's Articles of Association in May 2012, this role has now become an elected one. Dr Dooris is eligible to stand for election to this role.

Members of the Board report that being part of the Board is both interesting and enjoyable, and provides an opportunity to work with colleagues who have diverse roles, to learn about the range and complexity of issues facing occupational medicine and the Faculty, and a great opportunity to influence the future

development of the specialty at the highest level. So do please think of putting your name forward and involving yourself in the running of the Faculty.

Deadline for receipt of nominations for all vacancies: Friday 15 February 2013.

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Vacancies for Officers & other key appointments

Officers

As mentioned in a newsletter in November, the offices of **Academic Dean** and **Director of Training** will fall vacant at the Annual General Meeting in May this year, when Professor Keith Palmer completes six consecutive years as Academic Dean and Dr Ian Aston stands down after one three-year term.

Further details of these roles can be found by following the relevant links:

Academic Dean

<http://www.fom.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013-Academic-Dean-job-description.pdf>

Director of Training

<http://www.fom.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013-Director-of-Training-job-description.pdf>

Key appointments

The Faculty is currently recruiting for:

a **Deputy Chief Examiner Research Methods** to succeed Dr Richard Preece, who stepped down from this role at the end of 2012. Please read the [job description](#) for more details of the role and how to apply.

a **Faculty lead to work with medical schools**, promoting awareness of occupational health and occupational medicine as a career. Please read the [job description](#) for more details of the role and how to apply.

new **CESR Evaluators**. To find out more about becoming a CESR evaluator, please go to:

www.fom.ac.uk/uncategorized/cesr-evaluators-training-day-new-cesr-evaluators-required

Deadline for applications for all vacancies: Friday 15 February 2013.

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Submissions invited for Faculty Prizes

The Mobbs Corporate Health Fellowship offers an opportunity for doctors to travel to a centre of excellence to study a particular aspect of occupational medicine or to travel to a scientific meeting for which they have had a paper or poster accepted.

The Mobbs Corporate Health Fellowships have now been extended to medical students and junior doctors, to fund occupational health electives.

Previous winning entries have included: attending a Cochrane Occupational Safety and Health course at the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health; a visit to Australia to study the Workers' Compensation System; abstracts accepted for the ICOH conference; and a study trip to Hong Kong hospitals affected by the SARS

outbreak.

The Wilf Howe Memorial Prize, which is an engraved memento together with £500, is awarded in recognition of an outstanding innovation, initiative or intervention which has delivered a demonstrable health benefit for a defined working population.

Previous winning entries have included: initiatives to improve the occupational health of construction workers building the London 2012 Olympic Park and athletes' village; a cross sectional study of the rates of ill health retirement in four public sector (fire, police, teaching and ambulance services) and two private (Rover and Post Office) employers; the assessment and validation of acclimatisation to a hot-dry climate in British Armed Forces personnel; implementing and evaluating a successful condom promotion intervention project for brothel-based sex workers in Singapore; and identifying and addressing occupational-related skin problems on a chemical industrial site.

To find out more about either of these prizes and to apply please go to:

<http://www.fom.ac.uk/prizes-and-fellowships>

Deadline for applications: 28 February 2013

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Invitation to join network of Responsible Officers in Occupational Medicine

The Faculty's Responsible Officer (RO), Dr David Flower, would like to invite other ROs from within the specialty to form a peer network. The network will provide an opportunity to keep in touch and share best practice with ROs from across the specialty.

To launch the network, the Faculty will host a meeting at its office to give ROs the opportunity to meet each other in person. Following the initial meeting, it is envisaged that the network will be virtual and communication will take place online.

This is a reminder that if you are an RO within your organisation and you would like to be a part of the network of ROs in Occupational Medicine, you can participate by emailing: revalidation@fom.ac.uk by **25 January 2013**. We are organising a date in March 2013 for the launch meeting.

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Conference to launch 'Fitness for Work: the medical aspects' 5th edition - 5 March 2013

To mark the launch of the new edition, the Faculty of Occupational Medicine is running a conference featuring presentations from a range of eminent speakers. All delegates will receive a complimentary copy of the new publication and the keynote address will be delivered by the Chief Medical Officer for England, Professor Dame Sally Davies.

[Register](#) by **Tuesday 22 January** to take advantage of the early-booking discount.

Members may wish to note that there will also be an [Edinburgh launch - joint with](#)

SOM Scotland - on 5 September.

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Have you got a health and safety success story to contribute?

Celebrating 40 years from the launch of the Robens report, the trade union Prospect has compiled [40 stories](#) from the Health and Safety Executive's front line. You can see more information, including the stories, via the link above.

You may also have a tale to tell. As part of the anniversary celebrations, Prospect would like to broaden the invitation. Share how your job or workplace has benefited from health and safety or the help of your regulator (for instance HSE, the Office of Nuclear Regulation or the Environment Agency): email your story to safetyreps@prospect.org.uk.

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Judicial Appointments Commission

The Judicial Appointments Commission is seeking fee-paid medical members of the First-Tier tribunal, Social Entitlement Chamber, with responsibilities for hearing appeals about disability related benefits. The Faculty has been asked to bring this to the attention of doctors who would have the necessary qualities and abilities for this role.

Deadline: Monday 4 February. More information is available at:

<http://jac.judiciary.gov.uk/selection-process/selection-exercises/current/2159.htm>

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With best wishes



Nicky Coates
Chief Executive

