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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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The Wilf Howe Memorial Prize – deadline extension

The deadline for applications for the Wilf Howe Memorial Prize has been extended and the Faculty would like to encourage applications for the Prize. All membership categories are eligible to apply and it is a great opportunity to gain recognition for work that you have undertaken. The criteria are broad; if you have been involved in an initiative, intervention or innovation that has delivered benefits to a working population, please do consider applying. The winner will receive an engraved memento and £500, which will be presented at the Annual General Meeting in May.

The deadline for applications is now **15 April 2013**. For information and how to apply, please go to: <http://www.fom.ac.uk/prizes-and-fellowships/wilf-howe-prize>

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Professional Briefing Day – 21 May 2013

Mental ill health cases at work:

Tripartite (psychiatric, psychological and occupational medicine) approach to the management of mental ill health cases at work

Dr Maurice Lipsedge, Consultant Occupational Psychiatrist, Dr Bill Mitchell, Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Dr Maggie Samuel, Occupational Physician, will run an interactive and educational session on difficult mental health issues at work, focusing on case studies for discussion. This interactive approach ensures delegates' learning will be relevant to their practice and will increase their confidence in dealing with future cases. The tripartite approach of this workshop will improve delegates' knowledge of, and ability to manage, mental ill health in the workplace.

This Professional Briefing Day will be held in the Faculty's office in London. Registration will commence at 1.30pm with lunch on arrival and the workshop will

run from 2.00-4.30pm. This half day session is £75 and will attract 2.5 CPD points. To book your place, please complete and submit this [booking form](#).

Please send any queries to Sara.Shortt@fom.ac.uk

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Health and Work Development Unit (HWDU) Vacancies

HWDU is seeking two suitably qualified individuals to lead the following high-profile national quality improvement projects:

1. Occupational health (OH) clinical audit workstream ([more details and how to apply](#))
2. National NHS organisational audit of the implementation of NICE public health guidance for the workplace ([more details and how to apply](#))

Information on each of these positions and the application process is available on the RCP website (please follow the links above). These projects represent an exciting opportunity to lead a multi-professional team of experienced and enthusiastic specialists to set up and deliver the first ever national audit for OH clinicians working in any setting in the UK or deliver the second round of a national quality improvement audit aimed at supporting the health and wellbeing of NHS staff.

Potential applicants are welcome to have an informal discussion ahead of application with Dr Siân Williams, HWDU clinical director or Penny Peel, HWDU manager (020 3075 1584).

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'Fitness for Work' launch conference - review

The Faculty of Occupational Medicine marked the launch of 'Fitness for work: the medical aspects' (5th edition) at the spring conference earlier this week. This conference featured presentations from a range of eminent speakers, many of whom have authored chapters of the latest edition. A [full review](#) of the day, including the speakers' presentations, is available on the Faculty website.

Should you wish to purchase a copy of the new edition, you can do so through the Oxford University Press [website](#).

The Faculty has negotiated a 20% discount rate for members; to take advantage of this offer, you should enter the promotional code **AMPROMO6** when you have added the item to your purchase.

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Survey of UK occupational physicians' leadership skills

Reminder: if you have not yet responded to Dr Prosenjit Giri's survey of UK occupational physicians' self-perception of leadership skills (advertised in the Faculty newsletter on 8 February), please do so by the end of March. Dr Giri's study now caters for all occupational physicians including Associate Specialists

and those working in the non-NHS public sector. Please read the [further information about the study](#) which has links to the questionnaire in various formats.

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With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicky Coates". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicky Coates
Chief Executive

