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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Annual Scientific Meeting, AGM and Annual Dinner - 15 May 2013

['Working in partnership with other specialties' Annual Scientific Meeting, AGM and Annual Dinner 2013](#)

The Faculty is hosting its Annual Meeting on Wednesday 15 May 2013 at the Royal College of Physicians of London.

This is the main annual event in the Faculty of Occupational Medicine's calendar. It is always an excellent opportunity to hear a range of interesting and eminent speakers, to meet colleagues old and new and to be updated on a variety of topics in occupational medicine. This year, the focus will be on how occupational medicine and occupational health interact with other specialties and disciplines, and in particular general practice, psychiatry, public health and occupational hygiene.

The Annual General Meeting is always a highlight of the Faculty's calendar. The President will present certificates to new Fellows and Members of the Faculty, as well as awarding a range of prizes, including the Peter Taylor Medal for 2012.

The discount rate for early booking is available until 15 April so be sure to book your place sooner rather than later, either by ringing on 020 3116 6910 or by completing the [booking form](#).

Any queries should be sent to patrick.cullen@fom.ac.uk

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Update for doctors revalidating with the Faculty

As you are all aware, revalidation formally commenced in December 2012. The Faculty is a designated body and so has appointed a Responsible Officer for those doctors for whom the Faculty is their prescribed connection. The first Faculty revalidation recommendation will be taking place in early May and we are working

closely with the Society of Occupational Medicine to ensure the process is as smooth as possible.

If you are revalidating through the Faculty you will have received details about how to proceed and about how to use the electronic management system, 'PReP'. This will be the repository to store all of your information for annual appraisal and revalidation and you should ensure that you use this system and keep it up to date throughout the year. If you are using PReP, either as an appraisee or as an appraiser, we would advise you to login well ahead of time to get a feel for the system. User guides for all functions can be found in the Help section on the top bar.

From 1 April 2013 you should also use the system to log your CPD.

If you have feedback or queries, please get in touch at revalidation@fom.ac.uk.

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CPD online diary

If you are not revalidating through the Faculty but are a member nonetheless and would like register to use the Faculty's online CPD diary, please get in touch at cpd@fom.ac.uk.

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Examining for the Faculty

The Faculty is seeking new examiners who would be willing to volunteer their services for its examinations. We are looking to increase the pool of examiners for all examinations, but specifically for the Part 2 MFOM, DAvMed and DDAM, to support the work of those who currently examine in these areas. We would ask any new applicants to attend a Faculty Examiner Training Day (to be held next in early 2014) and also to come along and shadow/observe for some examinations. As an examiner you would receive CPD points; we have also recently introduced an examiner feedback/appraisal system, which could be used as part of your portfolio for revalidation.

If you are interested in getting involved in this work, please contact May Elphinstone (may.elphinstone@fom.ac.uk) who can advise on the eligibility criteria and the process for becoming an examiner.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the current examiners for their continued hard work and commitment to examining. We very much appreciate the time volunteered to undertake this; the Faculty is reliant on its members offering their service in this way.

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HSE: new health surveillance web-based tool

The Health and Safety Executive has published a new web-based tool to help employers to better understand health surveillance. Employers and others, including doctors and in particular GPs with an interest, should use the new tool on the [HSE website](#). You can find further information about the new tool in the [press release](#) from HSE.

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With best wishes

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