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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.

Register now by completing the [booking form](#) or by ringing the events team on 020 3116 6910. Any queries should be sent to [patrick.cullen@fom.ac.uk](mailto:patrick.cullen@fom.ac.uk).

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## Key Faculty Appointments

We are pleased to announce the following appointments:

Dr Ian Aston will take over from Professor Keith Palmer as Academic Dean at the Annual General Meeting on 15 May 2013.

Dr Steve Nimmo has been appointed as Deputy Chief Examiner Research Methods for a three-year term from 10 April 2013. He succeeds Dr Richard Preece, who stepped down from the role at the end of 2012.

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## GMC small specialty review of occupational medicine

During 2011-12 the GMC conducted Small Specialty Thematic Reviews of Occupational Medicine, Paediatric Cardiology and Medical Psychotherapy. The review of Occupational Medicine looked at medical education and training within the specialty and how the stakeholders work together to assure the quality of the training. The GMC spoke to Faculty Officers, the Regional Specialty Advisers, representatives from two deaneries, the lead dean for the specialty, as well as a cross section of trainees, and recently qualified specialists.

Reassuringly, the outcome was that there were no concerns relating to patient safety; no important shortfalls in educational supervision; no areas of non-compliance with GMC training standards; and several areas of good practice.

This [quality assurance report](#) has now been published; it contains the Faculty Action Plan in response to the document in Annex C and a more detailed commentary from the Faculty from page 45 onwards.

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## Health for Health Professionals Training Day - Thursday 23 May 2013

The Faculty is running a 'Health for Health Professionals' (HHP) training day on Thursday 23 May 2013. This CPD workshop is available to Faculty members wishing to further their skills in doctors' health who have not already attended one of these training days.

The workshop will take place at the [Royal College of Anaesthetists](#) and will feature interactive group work as well as expert advice from Dr Debbie Cohen, Faculty HHP lead, and other Faculty members. Places at this workshop are limited so book your place now by completing the [booking form](#), along with payment (£75 members/£40 trainees). If you are unable to attend on 23 May, the Faculty will be running this training throughout the year. Dates of future training are available on the [HHP section](#) of the website.

For those who have already attended HHP training in 2010-11, the Faculty will be offering some part 2 HHP training in 2013-14. This more detailed training, available to those who have attended part 1 training, will provide expert advice on specific aspects of HHP practice, including communication skills, addictions and working with the GMC. Further details and booking information will be published on the website and in the Faculty newsletter later in the year.

If you have any queries, please contact Patrick Cullen on 020 3116 6910 or by email to: [patrick.cullen@fom.ac.uk](mailto:patrick.cullen@fom.ac.uk).

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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*

There are still places available for the forthcoming workshop on mental ill health cases at work. This interactive and educational day will be run by Dr Maurice Lipsedge, Consultant Occupational Psychiatrist, Dr Bill Mitchell, Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Dr Maggie Samuel, Occupational Physician.

The workshop 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](mailto:Sara.Shortt@fom.ac.uk)

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## WBA Advisory Group Members Required

The Faculty is looking for new members for the Workplace Based Assessment Advisory Group. The purpose of the group is to develop and maintain the system of workplace based assessments in specialty training in occupational medicine, ensuring they comply with the GMC assessment criteria.

In order to ensure diverse representation, the Faculty is particularly interested in receiving applications from trainees from the private sector at the start of their training (looking for a potential dissertation topic) and trainers from all sectors: tri-services, NHS and private sector.

For more information and details of how to apply, please read the detailed [job description](#).

**Deadline: Friday 3 May 2013**

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## NHS Consultant Clinical Excellence Awards for England and Wales – 2013 ACCEA round

On 27 March 2013 the Advisory Committee on Clinical Excellence Awards (ACEA) announced the results of applications for new awards and renewals in the 2012 round.

The ACCEA is still planning for a possible 2013 round of awards. Eligible consultant occupational physicians who are intending to apply for a national award, or to renew their award, and wish to seek Faculty support should read the [further information](#).

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## Updated Guidance for the Faculty's CPD Scheme

The Faculty's CPD Guidance has been updated and maintains its commitment to the Academy of Medical Royal College's Ten Principles of Continuing Professional Development.

Most of the changes are minor and reflect changes in the regulatory environment

and to professional development between 2007 and 2013, such as the introduction of revalidation on 3 December 2012. The key changes to the CPD guidance are:

- Updated references, including the adoption of the GMC's definition of CPD
- Introduction of Personal CPD category, with a maximum of ten Personal CPD points counting towards the annual total
- Online and distance learning can contribute up to 15 points towards your annual CPD total
- References to the online CPD diary have been introduced;
- Course approval guidance referenced
- Removal of components which are no longer relevant.

The [new guidance](#) can be found on the Faculty website.

These changes came into effect from 1 April 2013, as did the new online CPD diary system. If you have any queries about these CPD changes, please send your enquiries to [CPD@fom.ac.uk](mailto:CPD@fom.ac.uk).

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## Revalidation

Dr David Flower, the Faculty Responsible Officer, has now made his first revalidation recommendations to the GMC. This is a culmination of several years work and although it's just the start of the operational phase of revalidation, it is encouraging to see the system and processes that have been established over many months working effectively.

Our advice for all those revalidating through the Faculty and using the PReP system is 'Log in early, Log in often'. Don't wait until it gets close to your appraisal date to start using the system for the first time, but ensure that you use it on a regular basis and get to know how it works. Your CPD activity from 1 April should be recorded in PReP, which will allow you to store and reflect on it more efficiently than with a paper based system. If you have any questions or suggestions please get in touch, at [revalidation@fom.ac.uk](mailto:revalidation@fom.ac.uk).

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## Global Corporate Challenge 2013 - participants wanted

Could you join the Faculty's team and walk 10,000 steps a day for four months?

The Faculty is once again taking part in the Global Corporate Challenge, thanks to the generous sponsorship of Nestle UK.

Further information and details of how to apply:

<http://www.fom.ac.uk/general-news/global-corporate-challenge-2013>

**Deadline: 9 00 am Friday 3 May 2013**

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## Scottish Academy Trainee Doctors' Group

# Symposium

On Friday 10 May, the Scottish Academy is hosting a symposium entitled: **'Trust me, I'm a doctor': professionalism and excellence in modern medicine.**

For more information and details on how to book, please view the flyer for the event:

<http://www.fom.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/SATDG-Flyer.pdf>

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With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicky Coates". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Nicky" and "Coates" being capitalized and prominent.

Nicky Coates  
Chief Executive

