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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Faculty vacancies

At the Annual General Meeting on 15 May, the President said she was keen to encourage all members to consider putting themselves forward for the various vacancies advertised within the Faculty. She emphasised that being part of the Board or on a Committee, was an interesting experience and the time commitment not too great.

There are currently vacancies for:

[Two universally elected members of the Board](#)

[Two members of the Fellowship Committee.](#)

Deadline for applications: Friday 14 June 2013

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NHS Consultant Clinical Excellence Awards for England and Wales

Eligible NHS consultants are reminded that if they wish to seek Faculty support for their application for a Clinical Excellence Award, or for renewal of their award, the deadline for submission of the relevant forms, to be sent to frances.quinn@fom.ac.uk, is **Friday 31 May 2013.**

Please read the [further information.](#)

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Annual Scientific Meeting, AGM and Annual Dinner

The Faculty of Occupational Medicine held its Annual Scientific Meeting, AGM and

Annual Dinner earlier this week.

The focus of this year's Annual Scientific Meeting was 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 unifying theme of the morning presentations was a greater need for, and potential opportunities through, collaboration with other disciplines in the interests of providing the best possible care and achieving health and wellbeing improvements for the working age population.

A full [review](#) of the day, including the speakers' presentations where available, is on the Faculty website.

The day concluded with the Annual Dinner, an enjoyable occasion at which the Faculty was lucky enough to have Judith Hackitt CBE, Chair of the Health & Safety Executive, giving a talk to guests.

As well as shattering some of the more absurd myths about health and safety legislation, Judith pointed out the potential for close working between the Faculty and the HSE, particularly given that the Faculty is planning a conference in 2014 to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Health & Safety at Work Act.

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Musculoskeletal conditions: training video and forthcoming professional briefing day

Consultant rheumatologist, Dr Karen Walker-Bone, working in conjunction with consultant occupational physician, Dr Ira Madan, has developed a [training video](#), which has been designed to reflect the assessment of MSDs required in OH practice. The video is available now for members.

In September, Drs Walker-Bone and Madan will be running a Faculty professional briefing day on musculoskeletal conditions. Further details will be published shortly.

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Online purchasing through the Faculty website

The Faculty is pleased to be able to offer the opportunity for members to make credit/debit card purchases through the Faculty's website.

Payments for subscriptions (including the 'Access to the Faculty's Responsible Officer' subscription), publications such as the recent 'Ethics Guidance for Occupational Health Practice' and events and conferences can now be made directly and securely through the website.

If you would like to make a payment, or amend any of your details, please visit the members' area of the website.

<http://www.fom.ac.uk/members>

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Use of the Members' room at the Faculty office

The Members' room at the Faculty office in Holborn is available for members to use when they are in London. As well as hosting the dissertations for membership, there are also reference copies of many seminal occupational health publications.

If you would like to use the Members' room for a meeting or just for somewhere to work for a few hours, please contact membership@fom.ac.uk with the details of your visit.

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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

