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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Nominations for President

Nominations are invited from Fellows of the Faculty for the office of President, to succeed Dr Olivia Carlton at the Annual General Meeting in May 2014, when her three-year term of office comes to an end.

The successful candidate will take up the role of President-Elect from November 2013.

Please see the [role outline](#) for further details and how to apply.

Closing date for applications: Monday 12 August 2013

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Faculty Ethics Committee Chair

Fellows are reminded that the Faculty is seeking to appoint a successor to Dr Paul Litchfield who has recently stood down as Chair of the Faculty's Ethics Committee.

Further information about the role and details of how to apply for this honorary post are available at:

<http://www.fom.ac.uk/vacancies/faculty-ethics-committee-chair>

Closing date for applications: Monday 15 July 2013

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CESR evaluators

The Faculty is looking for new CESR evaluators (Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration) to join the CESR Advisory Group.

Applications reviewed by the Faculty's CESR evaluators are often from experienced practising occupational physicians, who have missed out on full

formal training; the CESR process offers them the opportunity to become specialists. The GMC relies on the expertise and recommendations of our CESR evaluators to approve occupational physicians for entry onto the Specialist Register. Evaluators will normally be asked to undertake only one (or possibly two) evaluations a year.

Training will be provided for new evaluators, which the GMC participates in. CPD points are also available for training and every evaluation undertaken. This is a good opportunity to work as part of a small mutually supportive team to help increase the pool of occupational medicine specialists and gain useful experience of evaluating evidence regarding specialist training.

Please see [further details of the role and how to apply](#).

Closing date for applications: Friday 16 August 2013

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Appraisals - reminder for doctors revalidating through the Faculty

Faculty members who are revalidating through the Faculty are reminded that we strongly recommend that appraisals are conducted through the quality assured scheme operated by the Society of Occupational Medicine, which meets the criteria for a strengthened medical appraisal for revalidation. Where doctors opt to be appraised through a process other than the Society of Occupational Medicine's system, it is necessary for the Responsible Officer to make specific enquiries regarding the appointment, indemnity, training, competence and assessment of the proposed appraiser and the suitability of the appraisal process.

Doctors who neither use the Society appraisal system, nor ensure that they are using a system which has been approved by the Faculty RO, may find that their appraisal is regarded as unacceptable for revalidation.

The process of reviewing alternative appraisal systems incurs a fee. For further information contact: sam.hutchinson@fom.ac.uk.

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HWDU national audit and quality improvement programme

The Faculty, along with the Royal College of Physicians, oversees the Health and Work Development Unit (HWDU). We are pleased to announce that the HWDU has expanded its audit and quality improvement programme so that it is open to all Faculty members and their occupational health teams. The Faculty encourages participation in the programme, which will support individuals with revalidation and continuing professional development, and with gathering evidence towards SEQOHS accreditation.

HWDU's national quality improvement programme will work with occupational health services in all industries to deliver a demonstrable commitment to continuous improvement and the delivery of high quality care. It has been designed to be as flexible as possible – you can participate as an individual, team or service at a time and pace that suit you. You will access national benchmark data as well as tools and support for planning and embedding change.

Please see [full details of the programme](#), which is open for registration now.

The HWDU team can be contacted at hwdu@rcplondon.ac.uk or on 020 3075 2391.

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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

