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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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## Nominations for President

Fellows are reminded that nominations are invited 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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## Guidelines for assessing fitness for blue light driving

The Faculty Board has approved [Guidelines for assessing fitness for blue light driving](#). Additional standards of fitness for higher risk professional driving are not standardised and these guidelines have been drawn up to help improve the validity and consistency of decision-making in this area.

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## 'Fitness for Work' 5th edition Scottish launch: joint with SOM Scotland

The Faculty is once again joining with the Society of Occupational Medicine's Scottish Group for its Autumn meeting, to mark the publication of the latest edition of *Fitness for Work: The Medical Aspects*.

This is the seminal publication for doctors who advise patients on their suitability for work and we are pleased to announce that Sir Harry Burns, Chief Medical

Officer for Scotland, will deliver the keynote address. Other expert speakers in their field will deliver presentations on a range of topics, including mental health and rheumatological disorders, which comprise chapters of the latest edition.

Every delegate at the conference will receive a complimentary copy of the latest edition as part of the registration fee. To book your place, please complete the [booking form](#) and return it as per the instructions.

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## Upper Limb Disorders PBD - 18 September 2013

The Faculty of Occupational Medicine is holding a half day workshop on the examination and occupational health management of upper limb disorders. This interactive workshop aims to update occupational health physicians on the assessment and management of upper limb disorders in an occupational health setting.

The workshop, which will be delivered by Dr Karen Walker-Bone, Consultant Rheumatologist, and Dr Ira Madan, Consultant Occupational Physician, will take place at the Faculty's offices in Holborn with registration beginning at 9.30am for a 10.00am start. The day will conclude at 12.30pm with a sandwich lunch.

Places at this training are limited; bookings can be made either online through the [website](#) or by completing the [booking form](#) and returning it, along with payment of £75. For all enquiries, please contact [Sara.Shortt@fom.ac.uk](mailto:Sara.Shortt@fom.ac.uk).

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## Advanced Communication Skills: HHP Training Day - 25 September 2013

The Faculty is running a Health for Health Professionals (HHP) training day on advanced communication skills on Wednesday 25 September at the Faculty's offices in London.

This one day session will focus on building skills in difficult areas of practice, including dealing with conflict, negotiation and behaviour change. 5 CPD points have been awarded and the cost is £75 for members and £40 for trainees.

Registration will open at 9.30am and the day will conclude at 4.00pm.

Places at this workshop are limited to those who have attended a Part 1 HHP Training Day. If you are unsure whether a training day you have attended in the past qualifies you to attend, please contact [Patrick Cullen](#) for confirmation. You can register now online through the [website](#) or by completing the [booking form](#).

Places are still available for the Part 1 HHP training days on 24 September and 13 November.

For any enquiries, please contact the [events team](#).

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## Meet the Board in Manchester - 1 October 2013

The Faculty Board and Executive Committee will be having meetings in Manchester in early October. The President would like to invite members in the

locality to meet with the Board on 1 October from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. This will be in an informal setting over drinks but we hope to be able to discuss matters of current interest and in particular it will provide an opportunity to discuss questions that have been arising about strengthened appraisal and revalidation. There will be a cap on numbers and so we will work on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.

The venue will be: Chancellors Hotel & Conference Centre, 77 Chancellors Way, Fallowfield, Manchester, M14 6ZT.

So if you would like to attend, please email the [events team](#).

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## Minimum alcohol pricing

The Faculty, which is a member of the Alcohol Alliance UK, was a signatory to a letter to the Guardian about the Government's U-turn on minimum alcohol pricing. The text of the letter can be found at:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2013/jul/17/decision-alcohol-pricing-cost-lives>

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With best wishes



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Chief Executive

