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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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President's blog

The President has started a [weekly blog](#) to keep members up to date on both her, and the Faculty's, activities. Olivia is keen to receive feedback from members so please feel free to add a comment underneath her blog, then leave your name and email address.

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Nominations for President - final reminder

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. All applications will be acknowledged by email.

Closing date for applications: Monday 12 August 2013

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Board and other appointments

We are pleased to announce the following appointments:

Board:

Dr Jim McLaren - elected as the affiliating Diplomate on the Board for a three year term until the Annual General Meeting in 2016; **Drs Sue Hunt and Ian Torrance** - appointed by the Board to fill the two casual vacancies for universally elected Board members until the Annual General Meeting in May 2014.

Key appointments:

Dr Jon Spiro - as Deputy Director of Training, to assist the work of the newly appointed Director of Training. Jon also chairs the CESR Advisory Group.

Committee members:

Drs Graeme Nicholson and Sue Turner - appointed by the Board to the Fellowship Committee for the three-year term 2013 - 2016.

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FOM SAC member - applications invited

The Faculty is seeking a new member to join the Specialist Advisory (Sub-) Committee (SAC), which is constituted to advise the Faculty on specialty training in occupational medicine.

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

Closing date for applications: Tuesday 3 September 2013

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Multi source feedback for revalidation – questionnaire

We Need Your Help!

The GMC requires all doctors to collect colleague and patient feedback at least once during each revalidation cycle. Whilst they have developed a generic colleague and patient feedback questionnaire, the Faculty has modified the former to create one which will more closely match the needs of Occupational Physicians and those who have prescribed connection with the Faculty for revalidation.

Dr Ian Aston, Academic Dean, and Dr David Flower, Responsible Officer, have written a [letter](#) encouraging members to give feedback on the questionnaire by **6 September 2013**. Responses should be sent to RO@fom.ac.uk, with the words 'CQ feedback' in the subject line.

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Single Organisation progress report

Thank you to all the members who have written in to comment on the project.

Work is continuing on scoping the possibility of creating a new single organisation for occupational health. We are currently considering the potential form or model that a new organisation could take that would best meet the needs of current and potential members. We are also looking at the financial feasibility of making the change.

This autumn we will consult with members, a process that will include debating the issue at regional meetings and via interactive webinars. We will be making every effort over the coming months to make sure you can express your views and shape the process, well before any significant decisions are taken forward.

We are also setting up a new simple website so that both sets of members can stay informed of the latest developments of the project, which will be launched towards the end of this month. In the meantime, if you have any queries or ideas for information that you would like to see on the website, you can contact us by email to singleorg@fom.ac.uk.

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Mental health and employment roundtable

The Royal College of Psychiatrists recently hosted a roundtable on mental health and employment, at which the Faculty were represented by Dr Richard Heron. The [summary of the meeting](#) has now been published.

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With best wishes



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Chief Executive

