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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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## 'Common work-related health problems' – booklet available

The Faculty has published a booklet containing a series of articles written by occupational physicians for Pulse magazine. The booklet is aimed particularly at primary care health professionals but will be of interest more widely. As well as eight articles published in 2012, there is a further article entitled 'why I chose occupational medicine' written by Dr Jayne Moore, the Faculty's Director of Training. The booklet is available electronically via the link below:

<http://www.fom.ac.uk/education/education-for-gps/occupational-medicine-in-general-practice>

Alternatively, members can order up to 10 copies of the booklet free of charge from the Faculty, should they wish to distribute them to colleagues or others with an interest in work-related health problems. To place an order, 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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## Fellowship

Members are reminded of the call for submissions for Fellowship and Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty. Please refer to the [call for proposals](#) for full details. The deadline for submissions is **Monday 21 October 2013**. All submissions will be acknowledged.

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## Single Organisation webinars

On Monday 7 October, the first of three webinars to present the current progress of the single organisation working group is taking place from 5-6pm.

If you would like to register for the first webinar, there is still time to do so. Please send an email to [contactus@singleorg.co.uk](mailto:contactus@singleorg.co.uk) and you will receive the joining instructions by 11am on Monday at the latest.

Alternatively you can still register for one of the other meetings, taking place as follows:

Single org Webinar 2: 23 October 2013 8–9am  
SOM Central Southern Group: 25 October 1.30pm - [full details](#)  
Single org Webinar 3: 29 October 2013 5–6pm  
SOM North East Group: 21 November 6.30pm - [full details](#)

The meetings have generated a lot of lively debate. Most recently, at a regional meeting of the Society's West Midlands group on 3 October, 38 people heard Richard Heron present on behalf of the working group.

This is proving to be a very valuable consultation period for the working group and we would urge you to engage with the process in whichever way you can.

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## Winter conference - early booking deadline approaching

There is less than a week remaining to claim an early-booking discount for the Faculty's Winter Conference on 'Hidden Disabilities in the Workplace'.

The conference is taking place on Tuesday 10 December at the Manchester Conference Centre.

Places are booking fast for this conference, which will feature presentations from a range of eminent speakers, including Professor Else Guthrie on medically unexplained symptoms and Professor Cary Cooper on organisational psychology.

Bookings can be made online via the [Faculty's website](#) or by completing a [booking form](#).

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## Occupational asthma study

Please see below a message from Gareth Walters, a respiratory medicine trainee who would like assistance with a research project into occupational asthma.

### **Calling all occupational physicians and trainees who see workers with asthma in their clinical practice!**

I would be most grateful if you are able to take 3-5 minutes to complete an anonymous online survey about your practice with working-age asthmatic patients please. There is also an optional case study after the survey. It is part of my research into occupational asthma at the Institute of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, University of Birmingham, and the survey is also going to physicians and GPs, as well as their trainees elsewhere in the UK. The study is sponsored by the Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust, and can be accessed online via the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Wheezy>

Thank you in great anticipation!

Gareth Walters

SpR Respiratory Medicine, Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust

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With best wishes

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