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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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New Ethics Committee Chair

We are pleased to announce, on behalf of the Board of the Faculty, that Dr Bob Jefferson has been appointed as the new Chair of the Ethics Committee for an initial period of three years.

Dr Jefferson succeeds Dr Paul Litchfield who stepped down from this role earlier in the year; the Faculty is indebted to Dr Litchfield for his leadership of the Ethics Committee over the last six years. His tenure has covered some contentious issues, including the GMC's revised guidance on confidentiality and consent, and he oversaw the publication of the seventh iteration of the Faculty's ethical guidance which was published in December 2012 as *Ethics guidance for occupational health practice*, to reflect its application to the wider health community.

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Fellowship and Honorary Fellowship

FINAL CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS - DEADLINE MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2013

Members and Fellows are reminded of the call for submissions for Fellowship and Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty. Full details of the process are in the [call for proposals](#).

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Introduction to study design and analysis for the MFOM dissertation

The Faculty will be holding a dissertation workshop on Thursday 21 November 2013 aimed at trainees in the early stages of planning their MFOM dissertation.

The workshop will have a balance of tutor-delivered presentations and small group work facilitated by a tutor. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Further information about the format and eligibility to attend are available on the [website](#).

There will be a small charge of £25 to cover catering and administrative costs. To book a place, please complete the [booking form](#) or reserve your place via the [website](#).

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Deputy Chief Examiner Workplace-Based Assessments

The Faculty is currently recruiting for a Deputy Chief Examiner Workplace-Based Assessments (WBAs).

The WBA Advisory Group is responsible for monitoring and developing the system of workplace based assessments in specialty training. The Deputy Chief Examiner will work closely with the Chief Examiner in leading this Advisory Group, which includes trainers and trainee representatives from various sectors, to quality-assure the system of WBAs.

For further details and how to apply, please read the [job description](#).

Closing date for applications: 1 November 2013

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Winter Conference 10 December 2013 - limited places remaining

Places at this conference are now very limited and I would encourage anyone who wishes to attend to register soon to avoid disappointment.

For those completing the [booking form](#), please indicate your second preference as well for each breakout session as some of these sessions are now fully booked and you may not be able to attend your preferred session.

This conference will take an in-depth look at lesser known conditions that affect people in the workplace. The day will feature presentations from a range of eminent speakers, including Professor Else Guthrie on medically unexplained symptoms and Professor Cary Cooper on organisational psychology.

Further details and online booking are available on the [events section](#) of the Faculty website.

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Annual Meeting 2014 - change to advertised date

The Annual Meeting and Annual Dinner will now take place on **Wednesday 28 May 2014**, not on Tuesday 20 May as previously advertised.

The 2014 meeting is taking place at the Royal College of Physicians and the

programme is already taking shape. Further information is available on the [website](#).

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Coaching Day on CESR Applications

Following the positive feedback and interest in the CESR Coaching Day for Associates that was held earlier this month, we are now considering organising a second coaching day for those who were unable to attend.

This will be aimed at those with the AFOM qualification and others who would like to learn more about the requirements for applying for entry onto the GMC specialist register through the CESR/Article 14 (Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration) route. The day would be run jointly by the Faculty and a team from the GMC and would be free of charge for our Associates.

We would envisage it would take place over a day, at the Faculty office in London, in early 2014, if there is sufficient demand.

If such an event would be of interest, please contact Emma Cox-Smith by email to emma.cox-smith@fom.ac.uk.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Thuy Vuong for her valuable work as Trainee Co-ordinator over the last 10 months. Emma Cox-Smith is returning from maternity leave and Thuy is going on to undertake a Masters Degree in Public Health.

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Single Organisation: presentation and a potential model

Members of the Single Organisation Working Group have been visiting regional and national meetings to listen to the views of members and hear their ideas. This has included discussing the proposal, the vision, the potential benefits and some of the reasons why we are looking at the issue.

We are aware that some members have been unable to attend in person and are providing a series of online webinars for members. We will also shortly be communicating some further FAQs that have arisen out of the meetings.

In the meantime, the working group have prepared an [update](#) so that members have a brief overview of the presentation that is being delivered both at meetings and at the webinars.

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HWDU national audit and quality improvement programme

There is still time to sign up to the new Health and Work Development Unit (HWDU) occupational health national quality improvement programme. Contact the HWDU team at hwdu@rcplondon.ac.uk or on 0203 075 1585 to register. Full details are available at www.rcplondon.ac.uk/ohaudits.

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With best wishes

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