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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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MFOM dissertation workshop - Introduction to study design and analysis

There are still places available for next week's dissertation workshop on **Thursday 21 November 2013**. The workshop is aimed at trainees in the early stages of planning their MFOM dissertation. Educational supervisors and others involved in specialist training are also welcome to attend.

The workshop will have a balance of tutor-delivered presentations and facilitated small group work. Further information about the format of the day is available on the [website](#).

The training day will take place at the Faculty's office in central London from 10 am to 5 30 pm, with registration and refreshments from 9 30 am. 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](#).

If you have any queries please contact the [Emma Cox-Smith](#).

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Next Part 2 MFOM examination - deadline approaching

The deadline for the next diet of the Part 2 MFOM examination for membership is approaching. Full details of the examination are available on the Faculty [website](#).

It is essential that applications are submitted before the deadline, so it would be helpful for trainers and educational supervisors to ensure that trainees are aware of the deadline well in advance.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER AT 5 00PM

If you have any questions about this, or any other Faculty examination, please

contact [Siobhan Wheeler](#).

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Single Organisation update - new LinkedIn group and reminder of roadshows

Three presentations regarding the proposal to create a single organisation will be taking place next week.

Wednesday 20 November - SOM Yorkshire Regional Meeting, Leeds

Thursday 21 November - SOM North East Regional Meeting, Durham

Thursday 21 November - Northern Ireland, Belfast

Full details of all of these meetings are available on the [single org website](#), including information about how to register to attend.

In addition the working group have set up a [LinkedIn group](#) to facilitate discussion and debate. Please join the group here and feel free to submit any thoughts, comments and ideas.

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Health for Health Professionals Training Day - 16 January 2014

The Faculty is running its next HHP Part 2 training day on Thursday 16 January 2014. This day will focus on the role of the General Medical Council (GMC) and National Clinical Assessment Service (NCAS) in doctors' health.

For this one day course we are fortunate to have speakers from both the GMC and NCAS who will give detailed analysis of how occupational health professionals can engage with each organisation.

The training day starts at 10 am and closes at 4 pm, taking place at the Faculty's office in central London. 5 CPD points have been awarded and the cost is £75 for members and £40 for trainees.

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](#).

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Faculty Prizes - could you be a winner?

The Faculty offers two annual awards and all members are encouraged to consider whether they might be eligible. Details are available at:

<http://www.fom.ac.uk/prizes-and-fellowships>

The Wilf Howe Memorial Prize, which is an engraved memento together with £500, is awarded in recognition of an outstanding innovation, initiative or intervention which has delivered a demonstrable health benefit for a defined working population.

The Mobbs Corporate Health Fellowship offers an opportunity for doctors to travel to a centre of excellence to study a particular aspect of occupational medicine or to travel to a scientific meeting for which they have had a paper or poster accepted.

The Mobbs Corporate Health Fellowships have now been extended to medical students and junior doctors, to fund occupational health electives.

These electives, as well as the [Exxon Mobil Medical Student Electives](#), which are advertised through medical schools, have proved very popular with students and give a great opportunity for young doctors to gain experience in a range of occupational health settings.

The Faculty is keen to offer as many placements as possible; therefore we would like to hear from any members who could offer a two-week placement to medical students. If you are interested in offering electives to medical students or would like to discuss it with someone, please contact [Emma Cox-Smith](#).

Deadline for applications: 28 February 2014

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Occupational asthma study - reminder

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

Calling all OM physicians and trainees who see working-age patients with asthma in their clinical practice!

I would be most grateful if those of you who have not already done so, 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>

This survey closes in late November; thank you in great anticipation!

Gareth Walters
SpR Respiratory Medicine, Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust

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With best wishes



Nicky Coates
Chief Executive

