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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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President-Elect

Members were notified in August that Richard Heron would be the next Faculty President. Now we are six months away from the next Annual General Meeting, Richard has formally become President-Elect and has therefore joined the Board and Executive Committee as part of the handover process.

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Single Organisation - member survey

All members of the Faculty should have received an email earlier today inviting participation in a short survey. This is to gauge how members feel about the current proposal that the Society and Faculty of Occupational Medicine create a new single organisation for occupational health.

If you did not receive this email, then the survey can be accessed at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TGQMSL6>

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Getting involved in NICE guidance

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) produces a range of public health documents, several of which are relevant to occupational health. There are opportunities for Faculty members to get involved in NICE, as members of programme development groups, as stakeholders, as consultees and as NICE Fellows.

Sian Williams, Clinical Director of the Health and Work Development Unit, urges colleagues to [get involved](#).

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Key health parameters for safety critical construction workers

The Faculty has been approached by colleagues working in construction health and safety, to ask if we would consider developing key parameters (eg cardiac health/blood pressure) for safety critical workers. The aim would be to establish a threshold, below which a worker might have to be excluded from safety critical work until the condition is brought under control.

We are looking for a member or members who may be able to assist with this. If you have experience in this area and would be interested to contribute, please email [Nicky Coates](mailto:Nicky.Coates@fom.ac.uk) by **16 December 2013** indicating briefly your experience and interest in this.

Thank you

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Appraisals deadline for Revalidation

For all of those revalidating through the Faculty the deadline for completed appraisals in this first year is nearly upon us.

The Faculty, the Responsible Officer and the Society of Occupational Medicine have agreed that as long as the appraisal is fully arranged through the Society by **3 December 2013** then we will accept a delayed completion date. However, all 2012-2013 appraisals must be complete (including the additional questions) by 31 January 2014 at the very latest. An appraisal will of course be required during 2014 as well. This flexibility is intended to relieve pressure on appraisees and appraisers whilst ensuring that all doctors for whom the Faculty is responsible for making a revalidation recommendation fulfil the criteria for annual appraisal which started on 3 December 2012.

If you have any questions, queries or problems in regards to the revalidation management system, PReP, please get in touch at admin@fom.ac.uk.

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With best wishes



Nicky Coates
Chief Executive

