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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Members' help and advice please

Members sought to help devise national recruitment assessment

We want to set up a small working group, which will meet once a month from January to April, to assist with designing the interview process for national recruitment into occupational medicine.

We would like to ensure that the working group can learn from consultants operating the various recruitment processes currently used around the country; the aim is to devise an assessment for the national process that incorporates best practice.

This initiative arises from the moves to develop a national school of occupational medicine; we shall shortly sending a full update on this to members.

If you are interested in contributing, could you please contact [Emma Cox-Smith](#) by **Friday 3 January 2014**.

Hosts wanted for the occupational physicians of the future

As part of our ongoing work to raise the profile of occupational medicine with junior doctors, we are asking members to offer 'taster sessions' in occupational medicine. Could you host a junior doctor – probably in Foundation Year 1 – for one or two weeks? We see this as a great opportunity to offer a positive, interesting and stimulating experience of occupational medicine, and hope it would encourage more doctors to consider the specialty as their career.

We would like to hear from members in the NHS, in the private sector and in the defence services; it would be excellent to have a list of potential placements to offer.

Please get in touch with [Emma Cox-Smith](#) if you think you could help or for further information.

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Single organisation - survey reminder

On 29 November members were sent an email containing a survey. The survey was created 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 have not yet completed the survey, you can do so by clicking on the link below:

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

Deadline for responses: 31 December 2013

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Revalidation update

Earlier this month the Faculty's Responsible Officer, Dr David Flower, issued the [second revalidation update](#), to coincide with the first anniversary of the introduction of revalidation.

This contains an update on our progress to date, some model Input and Output forms for PReP, an example of a completed PDP, a closer look at what a Quality Improvement Activity is and more. We are always keen to have feedback and so if there is something you would like to see addressed in the next update, please get in touch at admin@fom.ac.uk. You can contact Dr David Flower, the Faculty Responsible Officer, directly at ro@fom.ac.uk.

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Faculty prize for outstanding innovation or intervention within occupational health

The Wilf Howe prize was established in 2005 in memory of Dr Wilf Howe, a Fellow of the Faculty and former Board member, who was an occupational physician working primarily in the oil industry. He was passionate about considering employees' occupational health issues in the wider, holistic context.

The prize, a cheque for £500 and an engraved memento, is to recognise an outstanding innovation, initiative or intervention which has delivered a demonstrable health benefit for a defined working population.

For further information and details of how to apply, please visit the [prizes section](#) of the website.

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Winter conference - 'Hidden Disabilities'

The Faculty's winter conference was held in Manchester on 10 December. Titled 'Hidden Disabilities', the conference took an in-depth look at some lesser-known and complex conditions and how to best treat them in the workplace.

In a change of format, the day was punctuated with two breakout sessions, where delegates chose one of three topics for a more interactive seminar experience.

As many of our members will be aware, the conference was fully booked and the day was a resounding success.

A [full review of the day](#), including presentations where available, has been published on the website.

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Health for Health Professionals training day - 16 January 2014

There are a few places remaining on the 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.

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

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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Medical Adjudicators, Northern Ireland

The Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission is advertising the post of Fee Paid (Medical) Adjudicator of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel (CICAP).

Applicants will be able to register and apply online through the [NIJAC website](#) by using eRecruit.

Further information on eRecruit our online recruitment system can be found [here](#).

Deadline for applications is 12 noon on Monday 20 January 2014.

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Why occupational health doctors should encourage their patients to try 'Dry January'

Alcohol Concern is running its 'Dry January' campaign with the aim of encouraging at least 10,000 people to sign up for 31 days without alcohol in January.

Alcohol Concern has written a [guide to their campaign](#).

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Season's greetings

We would like to wish our members a relaxing festive period and a peaceful new year.

The Faculty's office will be shut from Christmas Day until New Year's Day, re-opening on Thursday 2 January.

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With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicky Coates". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicky Coates
Chief Executive

