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Revised SEQOHS standards to be launched

The Faculty of Occupational Medicine will launch its revised SEQOHS standards on 1 April 2015.

Throughout 2014 the Faculty held an extensive consultation process of the standards; thank you to all our members who contributed to the review process through the survey, meetings and other means.

The response rate to the review process indicates the high level of engagement in SEQOHS within our membership and the occupational health community at large.

The consultation is now complete and the new standards are about to be published.

The revised standards will contain some important changes and clarifications and but those familiar with the original standards will find them substantially intact. It will be made clear where the changes are and also there will be a period of grace before units which are currently accredited have to move to the new standards.

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Professional Briefing Day: Personality disorder – 29 April 2015

On 29 April, the Faculty will be holding its first professional briefing day of 2015 on personality disorder. This prevalent psychiatric disorder has a major impact on

quality of life and fitness for work, but is often poorly understood and frequently neglected by the medical profession. People with personality disorder are often misdiagnosed or incorrectly treated, leading to difficulties managing their condition.

The day will be run by Dr Frank Gallagher, an occupational physician and Fellow of the Faculty, and Professor Conor Duggan of Nottingham University. It will feature interactive seminar-style lectures on the psychiatric aspects of personality disorder, with a clinical case study to be introduced for discussion.

For further information and to book your place online, please visit the [website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [John Rafferty](#) at the Faculty.

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Vacancies for three key appointments

We have vacancies for three key appointments to Faculty roles.

Chief Examiner Part 2 MFOM - the main purpose of the role is to ensure that the Part 2 MFOM examination is conducted to the required standard and in a timely manner.

CPD Lead - the main purpose of the CPD Lead is to oversee the Faculty's CPD Scheme and to support the Designated Body Governance Sub-committee with regards to Continuing Professional Development and revalidation.

Deputy Chief Examiner DAvMed - the purpose of the role is to support the Chief Examiner in ensuring the proper conduct of the examination for the DAvMed.

For more information about any of these roles, please visit the [vacancies section](#) of the website.

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Registrars' conference: 17-18 March, Pembroke College, Oxford

The Faculty is delighted to be holding its inaugural [Registrars' Conference](#) on 17-18 March 2015, a two-day event to explore educational and career opportunities for trainee occupational physicians.

The conference will feature a comprehensive programme of talks on topics of interest to the Faculty's trainees.

You can [book online via the website](#) or by completing the booking form on the flyer and returning it, along with payment, to the Faculty.

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CESR evaluators

The Faculty has experienced a significant increase in the number of CESR (Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration) applications and is looking for new CESR evaluators to join the CESR Advisory Group.

Training supported by the GMC will be provided for new evaluators. CPD points are also awarded for training and every evaluation undertaken.

This is a good opportunity to work as part of a small mutually supportive team to help increase the pool of occupational medicine specialists and gain useful

experience of evaluating evidence regarding specialist training.

For more information about the role, including details of how to apply, please visit the [website](#).

Closing date for applications: Friday 27 March 2015

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University of Glasgow Delphi Study

Colleagues from the University of Glasgow Institute of Health and Wellbeing are undertaking a Delphi Study on the common core competencies of specialist Occupational Physicians.

They have designed a survey as part of the second round of the study and would be grateful if specialist occupational physicians could take 20 minutes to complete it.

More information and the link to the survey can be found on our [website](#).

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9th UK/Ireland Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology conference

Registration and abstract submission continues for the 9th UK/Ireland Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology conference to be held in Oxford on Thursday 16 April 2015.

The conference is hosted this year by the University of Oxford, jointly with Public Health England. As in previous years, the programme will be divided between occupational and environmental epidemiology and will include keynote lectures, oral presentations, and posters.

Keynote lecturers:

- Prof John Buckley, Applied Exercise Science, University of Chester: "Standing up for health – more leg and less bum"
- Dr Sari Kovats, Social and Environmental Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine: "The public health science behind the UK's response to climate change"

For more information about registration and submission of abstracts, please visit the [conference website](#).

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British Heart Foundation 'Start a Health Revolution' campaign

The British Heart Foundation has been helping organisations to improve the health and well-being of their staff for more than 10 years through its Health at Work programme.

Health at Work is a scheme that helps give employers the power to create a healthier workforce. By helping organisations improve the health of their staff, the BHF aims to reduce the number of people dying prematurely from cardiovascular disease in the UK.

Employers may be interested to join *Health at Work* for benefits including a welcome pack, e-newsletters, access to practical resources, online tools and

training events.

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With best wishes

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