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Update from the President on promoting the specialty

In response to recent feedback from members, Richard has written an [update of his recent activities](#) to promote the specialty, on behalf of the Board. You can read it in full on the website.

In addition, he's just posted a [new blog](#) after visiting the Heath and Wellbeing at Work conference in Birmingham – we would be interested to know from members - what you would like to hear about in future?

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Faculty Board vacancies

On Friday 6 March, in a one-off newsletter, we will be advertising several vacancies for Faculty members to join the Board. The vacancies are for:

- 3 universally elected members
- 1 representative of Scotland
- 1 representative of affiliating diplomates

Dr Jill Crabbe will be taking over from Dr Rae-Wen Chang as trainee representative, with effect from 19 March. There is also a vacancy for a trainee to act as deputy to support Jill.

So do please think of putting your name forward and involving yourself in the running of the Faculty.

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Key appointments - vacancy reminders

A reminder that we currently have vacancies for two 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, to keep abreast of developments through meetings of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and to support the Designated Body Governance Sub-committee with regard to Continuing Professional Development and revalidation.

Deadline for applications for both vacancies is 5 00 pm on Thursday 19 March 2015

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

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National School of Occupational Health recruitment

The application process for national recruitment at ST3 in Occupational Medicine is currently open. The National School of Occupational Health is hosted within the London Deanery but the recruitment process is nationwide and posts are available throughout the country.

If you or anyone you know are interested in applying, please visit [NHS jobs](#) for more information.

The job reference is J94-A-15-0797

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HSE Workplace Health Expert Committee (WHEC)

HSE is currently recruiting for a new committee to provide independent expert opinion on all aspects of ill-health that is caused by or made worse by work.

The remit of WHEC will be broad, encompassing chemical and physical hazards, and human, behavioural or organisational factors in the workplace (for example shift work) that lead to physiological and/or psychosocial ill health.

HSE is seeking to recruit a diverse group of scientific and medical experts working at the leading edge of their field and actively advancing knowledge on workplace health from a range of perspectives. Expertise may have been gained through either academic, professional or practitioner routes.

Full information about this new Committee, the remuneration on offer, and how to apply to become either the Chair or a Member can be downloaded from [HSE's website](#).

Please note that the closing date for applications is 27 March.

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Wilf Howe Prize - deadline extended

Do you have a project or achievement which might be eligible?

Due to the Annual Meeting taking place in July rather than May, we have extended the deadline for this year's Wilf Howe Prize.

The prize recognises an outstanding innovation, initiative or intervention which has delivered a demonstrable health benefit for a defined working population.

You can read the [reports](#) submitted by previous winning entries on the website, which gives a flavour of the range of initiatives that have been successful in the past.

The successful applicant will receive a cheque for £500 and an engraved memento. Applicants should be a member of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine (all categories of membership are welcome to apply, including affiliating diplomates).

Entries should be submitted by completing and returning the [application form](#).

Deadline for applications: 27 April 2015

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Chief Executive recruitment update

In October, I wrote to members letting them know that I would be standing down during 2015. The Board has made progress with the search to find my successor and the recruitment process is currently underway.

We have engaged Odgers Berndtson to manage the recruitment process and hope to make an appointment by the end of March.

I am still in the process of finalising the arrangements for my departure, but will most likely leave in late April or early May.

I will of course write again closer to the time but would like to express my thanks for all the kind messages I have received.

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With best wishes



Nicky Coates
Chief Executive

