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Faculty Board vacancies - reminder

Nominations are being sought for five vacancies on the Faculty Board:

THREE universally elected members

ONE constituency elected member of the Board for Scotland

ONE constituency elected member of affiliating Diplomates

Deadline for nominations: Wednesday 8 April 2015

In addition a Deputy is being sought to support the trainee representative on the Board.

Deadline for applications: Friday 27 March 2015

Further information about each of these vacancies, including details of how to apply, can be found on the [website](#).

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Occupational medicine training survey

We recently sent a survey to all specialist occupational physicians working in the UK about training and services provided to the NHS throughout their careers.

Thank you to all those who took the time to complete the survey; we received responses from almost 300 members, which is a 56% response rate.

The data from the survey will be published in due course, but will also be used to lobby on behalf of the specialty at meetings with Government, Health Education England and other funding bodies.

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Inaugural Registrars conference - review

Earlier this week, the Faculty hosted its inaugural Registrars' Conference in Oxford. The event was a great success and I am delighted that so many of the trainees were able to attend.

A review of the conference and the presentations are now available on the [website](#).

The Faculty is enormously grateful to the organising committee for the conference: Dan Ashdown; Rae-Wen Chang; Emma Giblin; Fiona Hancock; and Victoria Mason.

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Submission of CPD Returns 2014-15

If you participate in the Faculty's paper CPD scheme, the CPD year for 2014-15 will end on Tuesday 31 March. If you submit a paper return, this will need to reach the Faculty by Tuesday 30 June. Please submit forms 1 and 5, which can be downloaded [here](#). We will then issue a certificate to you by email.

As you will be aware, this is the final year that we will accept paper CPD returns. In the future you can upload and reflect upon your CPD using the Faculty's online diary (which forms part of the Faculty's revalidation management system).

If you do not revalidate through the Faculty and do not have a login to the CPD diary, you can request one at CPD@fom.ac.uk. Those members using the diary can self generate a CPD certificate at anytime. Instructions on how to do this can be found in the Help menu, once logged in.

With the advent of revalidation, your CPD forms part of the mandatory evidence you must supply to your appraiser each year and you are not obliged to submit a CPD return to the Faculty or upload your CPD into the Faculty's CPD diary, if you do not revalidate with us. Submissions to the Faculty are very much voluntary, depending upon whether you wish to receive a Faculty certificate. An annual audit will continue to take place on submissions from doctors not revalidating with the Faculty.

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SOM Annual Scientific Meeting and FOM Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Meeting is being run in association with the Society of Occupational Medicine's Annual Scientific Meeting from 6-9 July 2015.

The Organising Committee of the SOM ASM encourages all members to submit abstracts for this year. It represents an excellent opportunity to share knowledge and experience with colleagues and the venue this year allows plenty of space for posters.

The call for abstracts is available on the [SOM ASM website](#).

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 3 April 2015

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With best wishes

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