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New route to Associateship of the Faculty

Associates (AFOMs) of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine are recognised as a key part of the occupational medicine workforce.

The Faculty has become increasingly aware that there is a need for an alternative pathway into occupational medicine both to strengthen the workforce and also to meet demand from doctors who are looking to enhance their competence and qualifications, but who are not able to commit to full specialty training.

The Faculty is therefore pleased to announce that the Part 2 Membership examination is now open to doctors outside of approved training posts, subject to prerequisite eligibility requirements.

Passing this examination will confer on doctors Associateship of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, and the postnominal letters AFOM.

Full details of this new development be found on the website.

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New SEQOHS standards launched

Today sees the launch of the revised SEQOHS standards, following an extensive consultation period throughout 2014.

The NHS standards, previously an extra domain, have been incorporated into the

other existing domains, A to F. Achievement of the NHS requirements will be recognised in the SEQOHS certification.

Other changes include:

- a new standard requiring systematic audit of clinical practice
- a requirement that purchasers must be advised of the value of conducting an occupational health needs assessment
- special guidance for single-handed practitioners

If you are an accredited or registered service and want to know how the introduction of the 2015 standards impacts upon your services, please visit the SEQOHS website.

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HHP training day 'GMC and complex case management'

The Faculty is running its next HHP Advanced skills training day on Thursday 14 May 2015. This day will focus on the role of the General Medical Council (GMC) and complex case management.

We are fortunate to have two expert speakers presenting. Anna Rowland, Assistant Director of Policy, Business Transformation and Safeguarding at the GMC, and Dr Nick Brown, Consultant Psychiatrist, will run interactive sessions featuring extensive case studies.

5 CPD points have been awarded and the cost is \pm 75 for members and \pm 40 for trainees.

For full details and information on how to book your place, please visit the website.

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Deputy Chief Examiner DDAM vacancy

We are seeking to appoint a Deputy Chief Examiner for Diploma in Disability Assessment Medicine (DDAM) to support the Chief Examiner with the workload for this examination.

Please read the job description before making your application. Applications should be submitted on the application form and returned to Siobhan Wheeler by email.

Deadline for applications: 5 00 pm on Thursday 30 April 2015

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Mobbs Corporate Health Fellowship recipients

This year four Mobbs Corporate Health Fellowships were awarded. The Fellowships are awarded for travel to a centre of excellence to study a particular aspect of occupational medicine or to a scientific meeting for which recipients have had a paper or poster accepted. This year's recipients are:

- Jaques Tamin (FFOM)
- Minha Rajput-Ray (DOccMed DDAM)
- Abeyna Jones

Clare Fernandes

Full details of the recipients and their projects can be found on the website.

The deadline for the next round of applications is 1 December 2015.

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Part 2 MFOM OSPE revision course

There are three places available for trainees on the University of Birmingham's OSPE Revision Course on 27-29 April 2015.

The cost of the three day programme is £595.00. Please contact Anna Morley at the School of Health & Population Sciences for more information.

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2015-16 membership subscriptions

Members are now able to pay their annual subscription fees by secure credit/debit card payment through the members' area of the Faculty website.

Details of the 2015-16 subscription renewal were emailed to members last week. If you did not receive a renewal or are unsure of how to make payment, please contact the membership team at: membership@fom.ac.uk.

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The importance of Health, Work and Well being in the Medical School Curriculum

On 8 May, the Faculty and University College London (UCL) are jointly hosting an event entitled 'The importance of Health, Work and Well being in the Medical School Curriculum'. The aim of the event is to help raise the profile of the important issue of occupational medicine in medical school curriculums.

If you teach in a medical school or provide any occupational input into medical school curriculums, we would like to invite you to this event. You are also welcome to pass this invite to any contacts or colleagues who you feel may be able to contribute. The event is only for members with links to medical schools.

There is no charge for this event but the Faculty will still be charged for those who don't attend so please do ensure that you are able to attend before registering.

For full details and the booking form, please visit the website.

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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

Further information about each of these vacancies, including details of how to

apply, can be found on the website.

Deadline for nominations: Wednesday 8 April 2015

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Royal College of Physicians survey on research and academic medicine

Share your thoughts on medical research and win an iPad Mini!

The Royal College of Physicians London is running a survey to find out about engagement in research and academic medicine, to help inform research policy across the healthcare landscape.

It's open to doctors across all specialties and career stages, including trainees and medical students. It takes 10-15 minutes to complete, and as a thank-you for your time you'll go in the draw to win an iPad Mini.

To take the survey, please visit www.rcplondon.ac.uk/ramsurvey

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With best wishes

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