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## Introduction from Judith Willetts

I am delighted to be taking up my post as the new Chief Executive and am very pleased to be introducing my first newsletter to you.

Firstly, I'd like to thank Nicky and the team for being so welcoming, helpful and for all their hard work. I have spent some valuable and stimulating time with Richard Heron and Julia Smedley and was fortunate to be able to meet many Board members when I visited the office last Wednesday. I am very much looking forward to being part of the team.

As I come to the end of my first week, it is still very much early days! I am delighted to be here and very enthusiastic about the opportunities we have to develop and grow the Faculty. I already have a full diary and am concentrating on getting up to speed as quickly as possible. I shall have the opportunity to meet some of you at upcoming meetings and hope to see a great many of you at the Manchester meeting in July.

These are interesting and exciting times. I shall report more fully in due course, but please don't hesitate to [get in touch](#) in the interim.

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## Deputy Chief Examiner DDAM vacancy - reminder

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

Further information about the role and details of how to apply for this honorary

post are available in the [job description](#).

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

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## Wilf Howe prize - reminder

This 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: extended to 5 May 2015**

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## NHS Consultant Clinical Excellence Awards for England and Wales - 2015 ACCEA round

On Monday 13 April the Advisory Committee on Clinical Excellence Awards (ACCEA) announced that the 2015 National Awards Round would be open from:

**Tuesday 14 April, closing at 1700 hours on Wednesday 17 June 2015.**

This is a very tight timetable, and eligible consultant occupational physicians who are intending to apply for a national award, or to renew their award, and wish to seek Faculty support should read the [further information](#) provided by the Faculty and submit their completed forms to the Faculty, in accordance with the instructions, by:

**10 00 am on Friday 22 May 2015**

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## Appointments

The Faculty is pleased to announce the following appointments which have been made recently:

**Chief Examiner Part 2 FOM** - Shaun Austin, who will take over this role in July, at the conclusion of Alan Bray's three-year term of office

**Chief Examiner HAVS** - Alan Bray takes over from Steve Nimmo. Our thanks go to Steve for helping oversee the HAVS assessment system through a period of significant change, over the past three years.

**Deputy Chief Examiner DAvMed** - Henry Lupa takes over from Sally Evans. Sally has acted as Deputy Chief Examiner for over six years and we would like to thank her for her time and support with this examination.

**CPD Lead** - David Fox takes over from Blandina Blackburn. We are grateful for Blandina's support with CPD over the last year.

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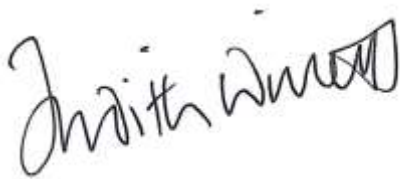
## Ballot for three universally elected members of the Board

The Faculty is delighted with the level of interest from members for these three vacancies to be filled with effect from the Annual General Meeting in July. Eight candidates have put themselves forward and a ballot paper, together with information on each candidate, and a ballot envelope, will be sent to all those eligible to vote in this election (Fellows, Members and Associates, including trainees who hold the AFOM) in a Faculty mailing due to be sent out next week.

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With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Judith Willetts", written in a cursive style.

Judith Willetts  
Chief Executive

