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Final reminder for Deputy Chief Examiner Part 2 MFOM

This Deputy Chief Examiner's role is to support the Chief Examiner to ensure the proper conduct of the Part 2 MFOM examination. The examination currently runs once every eight months.

The current Deputy Chief Examiner, Dr Shaun Austin, has been appointed as Chief Examiner from July.

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

Deadline for applications: 5 00 pm on Monday 8 June 2015

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Diplomates based in Scotland - educational events

The Scottish Group of the SOM runs educational events throughout the year. These include two national meetings as well as regular regional meetings in Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh. The group would specifically like to extend the invitation to these meetings to doctors with a Diploma in Occupational Medicine.

The meetings provide excellent CPD activities and opportunities to develop links with other doctors working within Occupational Medicine, including peer support. If that is you, please contact the Scottish Group's regional meeting organisers to

receive more details, as follows:

West of Scotland: Dr Jennifer Schreiber: jennifer.schreiber@optimahealth.co.uk

East of Scotland: Dr Funbi Ogundipe: funbi.ogundipe@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

North of Scotland: Mrs Pam Rebecca on 01224 437267 or

p.rebecca@abdn.ac.uk

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President's blog - funding for training posts

The latest blog from the President focuses on funding for specialty training in occupational medicine.

Initial figures from the recent round of National Recruitment show increasing interest in the specialty, so it is vital that we have sufficient posts available for the future generation of occupational physicians.

Read and leave your comments on the [website](#) if you have a view on funding and specialty training in occupational medicine.

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Social media guidance for doctors

As online technology improves, doctors and healthcare professionals are increasingly using social media as part of everyday life.

While these platforms represent a great opportunity to network with colleagues on a global scale and discover new innovations in practice, there can be dangers associated with using social media.

The Faculty's 2012 'Ethics guidance for occupational health practice' refers to this subject in paragraphs 3.14-3.16. In addition, both the British Medical Association (BMA) and General Medical Council (GMC) have issued guidance for doctors on appropriate use of social media.

[BMA guidance](#)

[GMC guidance](#)

If you use twitter, do follow the Faculty and the President Richard Heron for updates about occupational health and work to promote the specialty.

Faculty main account - [@fomnews](#)

Richard Heron - [@heronrichard](#)

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SOM ASM and FOM Annual General Meeting - registration information

Registration for the SOM ASM, which this year will incorporate the FOM AGM, FOM trainee presentations and joint gala dinner, all to be held on the second day of the conference (Wednesday 8 July) is now open and can be accessed via the [SOM ASM website](#).

The FOM AGM will start at 8.15 am with coffee and pastries from 7.30 am and will itself incorporate the presentation of awards. This will then be followed at 9.45 am by three 20 minute presentations on dissertations recently submitted for Membership.

Trainees have been offered a concessionary day delegate rate of £140, which is

more than a 50% discount on the full day delegate rate.

Further details of the day and the conference in general can be obtained by visiting the above website.

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TUC report on mental health at work

The Trades Union Congress (TUC) recently published a report on mental health at work. Former FOM Lay Trustee Hugh Robertson, Senior Policy Officer at TUC, said:

"Mental health is a growing issue in the workplace. Often it is linked to work itself, and organisations can help prevent it through reducing stressors or changing working practices, but often it is a result of other factors unrelated to the workplace.

"However, wherever it comes from, those who experience mental health issues need support. In addition, far more can be done to remove the stigma that is often attached to mental health issues.

"The TUC has produced a new guide on finding ways to prevent mental health problems arising, or to work with employers to enable a person with a mental health condition to continue in work."

You can read the guide in full on the [TUC website](#).

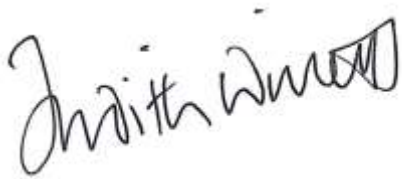
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Faculty office closed

On Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 June, the Faculty office in London will be closed. Staff will endeavour to respond to any urgent messages on Thursday 11 June when the office is open. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience caused.

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With best wishes



Judith Willetts
Chief Executive

