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## Annual Report and AGM papers

The Faculty's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is taking place on Wednesday 8 July during next week's SOM ASM. The [agenda and papers](#) for the AGM, including the [2014 Annual Report](#), are available for members to download from the website.

We look forward to welcoming any current subscribing members to the meeting. Coffee and croissants will be available beforehand so if you are planning to attend the AGM but are not attending the SOM ASM, please contact [Frances Quinn](#) if you have not already done so.

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## Director of Assessment

The current Director of Assessment, David McLoughlin, will complete his 3 year term of office in September 2015 and he has decided to not seek a further term due to work commitments in his new post. We are extremely grateful to David for his leadership and hard work developing our examinations over the last 3 years and will thank him fully in due course.

We will shortly be advertising for his successor to all fellows and further details, including the job description, will be circulated next week.

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## HSE launches new Workplace Health Expert

## Committee (WHEC)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has appointed a new committee to provide independent expert knowledge and advice on workplace health.

The committee, positions on which were advertised to Faculty members earlier in 2015, will provide opinion on workplace health issues and advise the HSE's Chief Scientific Advisor and FOM Honorary Fellow, Professor Andrew Curran.

Of the nine members of the committee, five are either Fellows or Honorary Fellows of the Faculty, including the Chair, Professor Sir Anthony Newman Taylor.

The other members of the committee are:

Professor Tar-Ching Aw FFOM  
Professor Peter Buckle  
Professor John Cherrie  
Professor Paul Cullinan Hon FFOM  
Emma Donaldson-Feilder  
Professor Len Levy Hon FFOM  
Professor Keith Palmer FFOM  
Dr Martie van Tongeren

To find out more about the committee and its members, please visit the [HSE website](#) where you can read the press release in full.

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## NICE workplace guidance

NICE has issued [new guidance on improving the health and wellbeing of employees](#), with a particular focus on organisational culture and context, and the role of line managers.

Steve Boorman led the Faculty's contribution to the consultation:

"It is positive to see that the Faculty's feedback was responded to and incorporated in the guidance; it is good to see that the health of NHS staff is a priority but now is the time for organisations to take strong action to implement this guidance."

The Northern Ireland Executive is currently seeking views on whether this guidance is applicable in Northern Ireland.

You can give feedback by visiting the [website](#) and submitting a contribution.

**Deadline for responses: Tuesday 4 August 2015**

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## HAVS directory

There are now more than 200 practitioners who have registered to join the Faculty's [HAVS directory](#), featuring contact details and breakdown of region.

Only those who have passed the HAVS assessment at a FOM-accredited course provider are eligible to join the directory.

If you would like to join the directory, please complete the [HAVS listing form](#) and return it by email to [Patrick Cullen](#).

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## National School of Occupational Health newsletter

The National School of Occupational Health has published its [latest newsletter](#), featuring a review of the inaugural Registrars' Conference in March this year, as well as information about recent progress with national recruitment and national ARCPs.

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## FOM blog - NHS staff health and wellbeing

The latest [blog post](#) focuses on NHS staff health and wellbeing. There is renewed emphasis on the importance of promoting a healthy and happy workforce in light of the Francis Report. It is heartening to see that occupational health departments across the UK are taking the lead in supporting their colleagues.

If you are involved in, or aware of, initiatives aimed at supporting staff health and wellbeing, please do let us know. If you'd like to write a blog post for the website, please get in contact with [Patrick Cullen](#).

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## FOM staff out of office

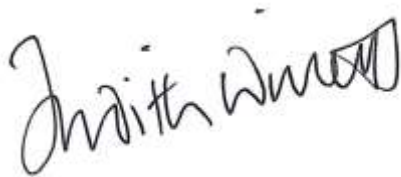
During the week beginning Monday 6 July, several members of staff will be out of the office at exams or other events, including our AGM.

We will endeavour to reply to queries as quickly as possible but members should be aware that there may be a small delay in response time.

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With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judith Willetts', is displayed within a thin black rectangular border.

Judith Willetts  
Chief Executive

