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Fellowship Committee vacancies

The Faculty is recruiting for new members to join the Fellowship Committee.

The remit of the Fellowship Committee, which is chaired by the immediate Past-President, is to peruse all nominations for Fellowship and Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty and to make recommendations in the light of the criteria agreed by the Board.

Particularly we are looking for Fellows who meet the following criteria:

- working in the public sector or private sector
- based in Wales, or in the following regions of England: the North East, Yorkshire & Humberside, East Anglia, or the South West

For more information and details of how to apply, please read the [background to the role](#).

Deadline for applications: 10 00 am on **Friday 18 September 2015**

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Submissions for election to Fellowship and Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty

Usually at this time of year, the Faculty's annual cycle for Fellowship and Honorary Fellowship submissions commences, culminating in the presentation of

certificates at the Annual General Meeting.

In 2016 the Faculty will again be joining with the Society of Occupational Medicine and holding its trainee presentations and AGM during the SOM ASM, to be held in Stratford Upon Avon from 27-30 June.

Therefore the Fellowship submission process is being put back by around three months this year and the call for submissions, to Members and Fellows, will be made in late October/early November.

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BMA reports & guidance

The OM Committee of the BMA has issued the following information, which can be accessed on its Practical Support at Work webpages:

- [Cognitive-enhancing drugs and the workplace](#)
- [The occupational physician](#)
- [Position Statement: Influenza immunisation for employees](#)

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OEM impact report

Malcolm Sim, Editor-in Chief of OEM, has sent the following message to those members who have full access to [Occupational & Environmental Medicine](#):

We are delighted to announce that the Impact Factor of the journal has gone up to 3.267* in the category of Public, Environmental and Occupational Health. To celebrate this achievement, we have highlighted the three most highly-cited articles contributing to the 2014 Impact Factor. These can be found just below.

We truly appreciate the loyalty and hard work of our readers, authors, reviewers and editorial team in helping us with this achievement.

Best wishes

Malcolm Sim

*2014 Journal Citation Report ® (Thomson Reuters, 2015.)

[Nested case-control study of night shift work and breast cancer risk among women in the Danish military](#)

[Association between cleaning-related chemicals and work-related asthma and asthma symptoms among healthcare professionals](#)

[Cholangiocarcinoma among offset colour proof-printing workers exposed to 1,2-dichloropropane and/or dichloromethane](#)

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Comparing UK & Australasian specialty training in OM

Faculty member Dr Rae-Wen Chang has written an article for the [AFOEM e-Bulletin](#), providing a trainee viewpoint on the challenges faced by UK and Australasian Occupational Medicine trainees, including the decreasing number of trainees in the UK.

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HHP training on 'personality and using MBTI in consultations'

The Faculty is running an HHP advanced skills training day on **15 October** on 'Personality and using MBTI in consultations'. We are fortunate that two chartered occupational psychologists have agreed to run this training, which will feature an introduction to MBTI and exploration of individual profiles, as well as group work and case discussion using MBTI. An online MBTI step II report is included within the registration fee for all delegates.

For further information and to book your place online, please visit the [events](#) section of the website.

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FOM seminar on bipolar disorder and schizophrenia

On **11 November**, the Faculty will be hosting a day long seminar on bipolar disorder and schizophrenia in Cardiff. The day will include presentations from Professor Ian Jones, Reader in Perinatal Psychiatry at Cardiff University, and Professor Sir Michael Owen, Director of Cardiff's Institute of Psychological Medicine and Clinical Neuroscience.

The seminar is being run as part of the Health for Health Professionals programme, but is open to all delegates, including those who have not attended a HHP training day before. This is an excellent opportunity to hear some cutting edge research from two world class experts on these little-understood mental health conditions.

The training day is taking place at the Radisson Bleu Hotel in Cardiff. For further details and to book your place, please visit the [events](#) section of the website.

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IOSH fit note research study published

IOSH has published a study undertaken by the University of Nottingham, discussing gaps in the evidence-base on the GPs' "fit-note".

The Report, [Getting the Best from the Fit Note](#), describes the investigation into the key features of successful fit note use in order to optimise its effectiveness, from the perspective of all three stakeholders: GP, employer and employee.

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Fit for Work referrals now available for all GPs in England and Wales

As of 22 July 2015, all GPs across England and Wales can refer their employed patients for a free and independent occupational health assessment if they have been, or are likely to be, off work for four weeks or more due to illness.

Referral to Fit for Work is voluntary, and is suitable for any employed person who has a realistic prospect of returning to work and for whom returning to work will not adversely affect their health.

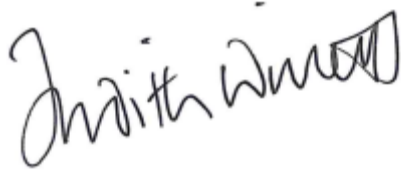
The assessment culminates in a personalised Return to Work Plan providing a

schedule for a person's return to work along with signposting to helpful services based around their needs.

To find out more, visit the [Fit for Work](#) website where you can [sign up for updates](#).

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With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Judith Willetts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a stylized 'W'.

Judith Willetts
Chief Executive

