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Equality and Diversity Working Group

The Faculty is creating a working group to consider issues of equality and diversity. The group might become a standing committee, but we are keen to hear from members who would be interested in being part of the initial group. The intention is to ensure the Faculty takes a holistic approach to Equality and Diversity across the organization and membership, and that it publishes policies and positions to support this work.

To express your interest in joining this group please send an email to:
judith.willemts@fom.ac.uk by Friday 9 October.

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Health for Health Professionals - places available

Places are still available on the following HHP training days:

14 October - [Core competency training](#) (FOM office, London)

11 November - [Advanced skills training: updates on mental disorders](#) (Radisson

Blu Hotel, **Cardiff**)

The Cardiff advanced skills training day, run with Cardiff University, will focus on updates on mental disorders, where we are now with research and developments in general psychiatry and what we know about disclosure by doctors and medical students. The day will include speakers on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and researchers presenting recent studies on bipolar and work and disclosure. The event will provide participants with an invaluable opportunity to hear from some of the leading researchers and authorities in their field as well as from current research students. In addition there will be some sessions on multiple sclerosis and epilepsy.

This event is being run as part of the Health for Health Professionals programme, but is open to all, including those who have not yet attended the HHP core competency training day.

The Faculty has reserved a limited number of rooms at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Cardiff on 10 November; to book a room at a discounted rate, please call the hotel on 029 2045 4777 and quote "Faculty of Occupational Medicine".

Please follow the links above to find more information about the training days and to book online.

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Risky Business conference - 15 December 2015

Booking is now open for the Faculty's Winter conference on Risky Business - risk factors in occupational health.

The conference is taking place on Tuesday 15 December at the Wellcome Collection, London NW1 with an eminent roster of speakers discussing the risks posted to employees by a range of mental and physical health conditions together with examples of the occupational health risk factors in specific industries and settings, including:

Professor Sir Cary Cooper, Manchester Business School; Professor Ralph Fevre, Cardiff University; Professor John Taylor, Northumbria University; Dr Karen Walker-Bone, University of Southampton; Professor Jane Armitage, Oxford University; and Dr Olivia Carlton, Transport for London.

For further information and details of how to book, please visit the [website](#).

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Academic Forum for Occupational Health

A very successful joint meeting of the Academic Forum for Occupational Health

and the Faculty's Research Strategy Working Group (RSWG) took place in Manchester in July 2015.

Professor Ewan Macdonald has now kindly agreed to lead the forum and we are proposing to hold quarterly meetings alternating between face to face and teleconferencing meetings. We hope to schedule the next meeting in the next few weeks and will provide details as soon as they are confirmed.

At the meeting in Manchester, members of both groups discussed the role of each of the groups and importantly how they could work cooperatively and communicate effectively.

Attendees heard from Dr Ira Madan and Dr Julia Smedley on the work of the RSWG, including work undertaken to establish the current state of research in occupational health, as well as an interesting proposal from Professor Damian McElvenney on the potential use of historic and rich data sets in research.

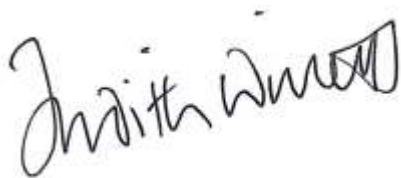
Attendees discussed strategies for optimising funding opportunities, including collaborative projects with other researchers where proposals might be enhanced by the introduction of an OH perspective.

It is intended that the work initiated within the RSWG (established as a time-limited group) will be carried forward by the Academic Forum in due course.

We are also very keen to embrace new academics and researchers within the group. If you are interested in finding out more about the Forum, please contact [Rachel Soper](#) in the first instance. Similarly, if you know of others active in relevant research and academic activities but who may not be members of the Faculty, then please do feel free to pass on these details.

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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

