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Happy New Year

As the last bars of that oh so seasonal ABBA song finally leave my head, I'd like to wish you all a [Happy New Year](#) from everyone here at the Faculty.

2016 is set to be a busy time for us, and the Faculty will be involved in some very exciting projects. We'll be advising on and updating various guidelines, including [working alongside the Department of Health](#) to create a robust document on the menopause. We'll also be attending a multitude of consultations, careers fairs, conferences and exhibitions. One such event will be the massive [Health and Wellbeing at Work](#) event in Birmingham in March, the first day of which is to be chaired by our very own Richard Heron.

Alongside all of this will be an expanded programme of training days. Due to the success of the events held over the last few years we've decided to offer a wider variety across 2016, building upon their fantastic atmosphere and spirited group learning to provide you with a number of invaluable opportunities to hone your professional skills in the company of highly respected experts. The finishing touches are still being made, but I'll have much more to share with you very soon.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to welcome our new Head of Communications and Policy, Jane Edbrooke, who will be taking up her post on Monday. Jane has years of professional experience within the field, having worked in both public and private healthcare and local and national level politics. I look forward to collaborating closely with Jane over the coming months, and am eager to get to work.

Not to overdo it just as the year begins, I'll leave it there and once again wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

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CESR Coaching

As I type this very sentence the Faculty's office is filled to the brim with Associates attending one of our valuable CESR coaching days. These day long courses are aimed at subscribing Faculty Associates (members who hold the AFOM qualification), who would like to apply for entry onto the GMC Specialist Register through the CESR (Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration)/Article 14 route.

The coaching days, which we run jointly with the General Medical Council, provide delegates with a step by step guide to the CESR application process and the GMC requirements. Delegates see examples of applications and have the opportunity to put their questions to the GMC, making what can be a complex and daunting process much more approachable. There is a wall separating us so I can't say for sure, but it sounds like the day is going well for all involved.

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Health and Safety Executive Publish Amended Guidance on Respirable Crystalline Silica

The Health and Safety Executive have asked us to pass on information that they have published amended supplementary guidance on health surveillance for respirable crystalline silica.

This guidance supplements the more general guidance: Health surveillance for those exposed to respirable crystalline silica (RCS); G404. It provides an **example** of a health surveillance programme for occupational health providers and employers to consider.

To view the supplementary guidance please visit:

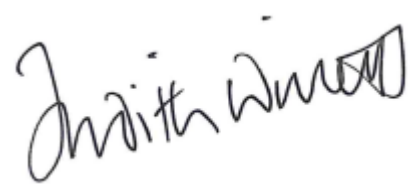
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/healthsurveillance.pdf>

To view G404 please visit: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/guidance/g404.pdf>

RCS remains a significant health hazard across a range of sectors including construction, quarries, foundries, brick and tile work, stonemasonry, ceramics and slate work.

To view HSE's guidance on controlling exposure to RCS and protecting workers' health please visit: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/cosHH/essentials/direct-advice/silica.htm>

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Judith Willetts
Chief Executive

