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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Accreditation for occupational health services - web site launched

The Faculty of Occupational Medicine is pleased to announce that the launch of the new SEQOHS accreditation scheme will take place on 1 December 2010 at the conference, *Promoting quality in occupational health – how can we do better?* See: <http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/library/docs/confomdec10.pdf> and that its supporting website <http://www.seqohs.org> has gone live. Here you will find information on how to register an interest in becoming accredited and in becoming an assessor.

The accreditation website is currently being piloted and will go live on 1 December 2010. The accreditation scheme will be fully operational thereafter and it is expected that the first services will be accredited in 2011.

The new web site will support both the self-assessment and full accreditation of occupational health services against SEQOHS standards. The site will also feature links to other resources that will help the occupational health services and practitioners in improving their services. Some of these resources will include a new knowledge management system that will underpin the standards and share good practice.

Academy governance: Appointment of Trustee Chair and Independent Trustees

The Faculty of Occupational Medicine is a member of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges which is the umbrella body for the medical colleges and major faculties across the UK.

Having recently adopted new Articles of Association, the Academy is now seeking to appoint an external Chair and three independent trustees. We have been asked to circulate the details to our members and would ask you to pass on the information below to any possible suitable candidates.

https://www.appointments.org.uk/JobDetails.aspx/1193/Academy_of_Medical_Royal_Colleges_Chair - Closing date 2 December

https://www.appointments.org.uk/JobDetails.aspx/1194/Academy_of_Medical_Royal_Colleges_3_Independent_Trustees - Closing date 16 Dec.

Two of the four independent trustees must not be medically qualified and one has to have an interest in finance. All applications must be made through the NHS

Appointments Commission as set out above.

With best wishes

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