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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Election of President

I am pleased to announce that the outcome of the election for President of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine is as follows:

Dr Olivia Carlton: 242 votes

Dr Mike Gibson: 168 votes

Dr Olivia Carlton is therefore elected as the next Faculty President and will serve for the three year term 2011 – 2014. Olivia will join the Board as President-Elect on 1 November 2010 and be installed as President at the Annual General Meeting on 19 May 2011.

I would like to thank both candidates for being willing to take on this role at such an important time for occupational medicine, the many members who participated in the ballot and Dr Ioana Kennedy who acted as Returning Officer.

I would also like to congratulate Olivia, and look forward to working with her over the next six months.

David Coggon, President

Promoting quality in occupational health – how can we do better?

1st December 2010, London

The programme and booking form for the Faculty winter conference is now available at <http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/library/docs/confomdec10.pdf>. **This event will also see the launch of the new accreditation system for occupational health services.**

Improving quality is currently a key driver in health care policy and occupational health is no exception.

A recent major development has been the publication of standards for occupational health services. Led by the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, and developed with a multidisciplinary, multi-agency stakeholder group, the standards (available at <http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/library/docs/standardsjan2010.pdf> and in hard copy from the Faculty while stocks last) constitute the basis for the new voluntary accreditation system which will be launched at this conference. This is an opportunity to find out

more about how the scheme will work.

In addition, there will be presentations from a wide range of speakers, covering different approaches to promoting quality – relevant to organizations from the largest to the smallest, including single-handed practices.

With best wishes

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