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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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

CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH THE NEW ACCREDITATION SYSTEM FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

1st December 2010, London

The programme and booking form for the Faculty winter conference is now available at <http://www.facoccmmed.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.facoccmmed.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.

Office Move

We would like to remind all our members that the Faculty will be moving office on 15 October 2010. The new address will be:

3rd Floor
New Derwent House
69-73 Theobalds Road
London
WC1X 8TA

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR BUSINESS ON 14, 15

AND 18 OCTOBER 2010.

Please use the new address if you are posting anything to us after 13 October 2010. Unfortunately, we cannot take our telephone numbers with us but we will let you know the new contact details as soon as possible.

Of course, our email addresses will not change so please feel free to contact us by this method.

We will do everything we can to ensure that the move is as seamless as possible.

Submissions for Fellowship and Honorary Fellowship

Members and Fellows are reminded that the deadline for fully completed and signed proposals for Fellowship and Honorary Fellowship to reach the Faculty office is Monday 18 October 2010.

In light of the Faculty's impending office move, if you have not already sent in your submission and you intend to do so as hard copy, this can be sent either to the current St Andrews Place address or to our new address at:

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Either way, it would be helpful if you could email frances.quinn@facocmed.ac.uk to let us know that you have mailed a submission to the Faculty, so that this can be followed up in case of non-arrival, at either address.

With best wishes



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Chief Executive

