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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Now is the time to book for the Faculty's main event of the year: 19 May 2011

We are very fortunate that **Professor Sir Michael Marmot** will be speaking at the Faculty Annual Scientific Meeting on 19 May. Sir Michael set up the renowned Whitehall II study in 1985, to investigate the importance of social class for health by following a cohort of 10,308 working men and women.

We are also delighted that **Professor Neil Pearce**, visiting from New Zealand, will be talking about the New Zealand experience of getting occupational health back on the health and safety agenda.

And **Dr Richard Heron**, Vice President Health BP, will be speaking about protecting health in the context of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

We have a packed day, which also covers HIV transmission, drug and alcohol testing and diabetes.

For the Annual Scientific Meeting, Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner book now at: http://www.facoccmed.ac.uk/library/docs/fomagm2011.pdf

Committee members sought

In addition to the key appointments and committee member vacancies recently advertised in the FOM Newsletter of 24 March, applications are being sought for members of the Faculty's Specialist Advisory (Sub-)Committee (SAC). Further details can be found at: http://www.facoccmed.ac.uk/library/docs/jobfsac2011.pdf

HSE survey questionnaire

HSE is currently conducting a consultation on priorities for health and safety statistics. These include those generated from the Labour Force Survey, the reporting schemes run by the University of Manchester, and national analyses of occupational mortality. There must be a danger in the current economic climate that some of these sources of data will be cut. If you wish to comment (deadline 11 April 2011), you can access an online guestionnaire at:

 $\underline{http://webcommunities.hse.gov.uk/connect.ti/healthandsafetystatistics/view?objectId= \underline{300803}.$

With best wishes

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