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CPD approved – 5 points

To book: <http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/library/docs/confomsep2011.pdf>

SEQOHS

The first occupational health services to achieve SEQOHS accreditation were awarded their certificates by Dame Carol Black on 12 July. The first seven services to be accredited are:

- Astrium Ltd an EADS Company
- Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
- Healthwork Ltd Manchester
- OHC Consultancy Ltd Halesowen West Midlands
- RPS Group
- Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust
- Working Fit Ltd Dover.

The Faculty would like to congratulate these services and also to thank Dr Paul Nicholson for his leadership of the SEQOHS project through its development phase.

SEQOHS is now seeking additional occupational physicians to become assessors. For further information: <http://www.seqohs.org>

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL CORE COMPETENCIES (DACC) PROJECT : Equipping all doctors to care for people who use drugs or alcohol

Faculty Representative sought

As part of a joint initiative between the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, the Royal College of Psychiatrists, the Royal College of General Practitioners, and the Royal College of Physicians of London it has been agreed to fund an initiative looking at and developing core competencies for all doctors regarding alcohol and substance addictions.

The group is seeking a Faculty nominee to be part of this project and we are therefore inviting members to put their name forward. If you would like to pursue this, you should:

- have an interest in drug and/or alcohol treatment;
- be able to attend Working Group meetings (held in London) and participate in the consensus-building exercise electronically (maximum of three email responses) between meetings;
- liaise as necessary throughout the process with relevant people in the Faculty for curriculum development and delivery.

Two half-day Working Group meetings are will be held - (Wednesday 28 September and Wednesday 30 November 2011 both from 1.30-4.30pm, at the Royal College of Psychiatrists in London SW1) - and the total time commitment involved is likely to be 2-3 days over the life of the project.

If you are interested in representing the Faculty on this project please send a brief CV with a covering note indicating your relevant experience to:
nicky.coates@facocmed.ac.uk by **Monday 8 August**.

Board appointments

Board

We are pleased to announce, on behalf of the Faculty Board, that **Dr Peter Verow** has been elected to fill this year's vacancy for a universally elected Trustee on the Board. **Dr David Brown** was nominated unopposed as the representative of the Regional Specialty Advisers. Both appointments commenced at the Annual General Meeting on 19 May 2011 for a period of three years, until the Annual General Meeting in 2014.

Barbara Harrison has joined the Faculty Board as the lay member nominated by the CBI, succeeding Peter Graham. She is Executive Director – Corporate Real Estate for Goldman Sachs, where she is Head of Health and Safety for Europe, Middle East and Africa and accountable for the development of H&S strategy and embedding the approach across operations. After obtaining a degree in Environmental Health, and some years as an Environmental Health Officer, Barbara studied for an MSc in Occupational Hygiene and moved to RHM Ltd as a Safety & Hygiene Adviser before being promoted to Manager HSE and then Acting Head, Risk & Health Management Services. After four years with VT Group, she moved to Goldman Sachs in February of this year. Barbara is a Member of the Institute of Occupational Hygienists and a Chartered Member of the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.

As these three take up their new posts, we would like to record our thanks to their predecessors who are standing down: Mike Gibson, Jeremy Owen and Peter Graham, all of whom have made an invaluable contribution to the Faculty over the last one to six years. We wish them all well.

Other key and committee appointments

Key appointments

We are pleased to announce that **Dr Lucia Batty** has been appointed Chief Examiner, Workplace Based Assessments (WBA). Lucia was appointed Deputy Chief Examiner WBA in March 2010 and has deputized for the Chief Examiner WBA since that time. **Dr Richard Preece** has been appointed to the new post of Deputy Chief Examiner Research Methods. Both appointments are for a three year term.

Fellowship Committee

We are also pleased to announce that **Drs John Cartwright** and **Richard Preece** have been appointed to the Fellowship Committee for a three year term until the Annual General Meeting in May 2014.

With best wishes



Nicky Coates
Chief Executive

