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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Submissions for election to Fellowship and Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty

Submissions for Fellowship and Honorary Fellowship are currently being invited for consideration for award in 2012. Fellows are encouraged to propose and second submissions and to support Members in making their applications. The closing date for receipt of proposals is **Monday 17 October 2011**.

The relevant information can be found in the members' area of the Faculty website www.facocmed.ac.uk/members (Username = workplace; password = health). If you have colleagues who are Members and Fellows of the Faculty who have not received notification, this is likely to be because we do not hold a current, valid e-mail address for them, so please encourage them to update the Faculty with this information.

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Annual Meeting 2012

Please note that the date of next year's Annual Meeting has changed and is now confirmed as **Wednesday 23 May 2012**.

All Change for Healthy Working UK

The Healthy Working UK website, which was developed by the Royal College of General Practitioners, in collaboration with the Faculty of Occupational Medicine and Society of Occupational Medicine, now has a new look and updated resources.

Healthy Working UK provides GPs and other healthcare professionals with timely access to information, training and decision aids to support the management of health and work.

<http://www.healthyworkinguk.co.uk/>

Recent additions include:

Health e-Working Primary Care: Six half hour e-modules accredited by the RCGP covering health and work topics designed to support the GP in their everyday practice.

Health e-Working Secondary Care: Six short scenario-based e-learning units

illustrate how work and health issues can be incorporated into the daily management of patients. Completion of each unit can be used by GPs towards CPD and appraisal.

Fit for Work Decision Aid: Now available as a downloadable app. This decision aid assists GPs in assessing patients' fitness for work as well as advising on how to complete the fit note.

Fit Note Guide: Designed to help GPs provide more information to their patients and employers about the functional effects of their condition. This new quick guide shows how to complete the fit note using examples.

The Healthy Working UK website is a one stop shop with searchable catalogues of leaflets, guidance, learning resources, and information on local and national services available.

Healthy Working UK welcomes contributions to the website. If you have any additional guidance, leaflets, learning resources or other appropriate content email info@healthyworkinguk.co.uk.

Healthy Working UK was developed with funding from the Department for Work & Pensions, Department for Health and the Welsh Assembly Government.

Getting back to work after a period of mental illness

The Royal College of Psychiatrists has launched a new online resource offering information and guidance about returning to work after a period of mental ill health, with specific sections for workers, employers, clinicians and carers. The Work and Mental Health resource explains how work can be good for people's mental health and well-being – and that work can play a positive part in people's recovery.

This is to be found at:

www.rcpsych.ac.uk/workandmentalhealth

Second review of Work Capability Assessment : contributions invited

Professor Malcolm Harrington FFOM has been asked by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to undertake a second independent review of the Work Capability Assessment (WCA).

As part of this process, Professor Harrington has launched a call for evidence to gather information on the WCA from a wide variety of stakeholders. Further information can be found at:

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2011/wca-call-for-evidence.shtml>.

The closing date for the call for evidence is **16 September 2011**.

With best wishes

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