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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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### Consultation: Supporting Information for Revalidation

To prepare for revalidation, all Medical Royal Colleges and Faculties have been working with the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC) and General Medical Council (GMC) to provide generic guidance on the supporting information required by all doctors for appraisal and revalidation. Where appropriate, each College and Faculty has also recommended guidance specific to their specialty. We have done this for Occupational Medicine.

Over the last year, in particular, much work has been carried out by the AoMRC and the GMC to streamline and simplify the guidance, in comparison to previous versions. The latest version of the generic guidance and our specialty specific additions can be viewed via the link below. It is currently in its consultation phase and we would welcome your comments on both the generic and specialty specific aspects of the guidance.

<http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/library/docs/cons-reval2011.pdf>

Please submit your comments by email to [rachel.briggs@facocmed.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.briggs@facocmed.ac.uk) by **Tuesday 30 August 2011**.

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### Getting back to work: what works?

#### BOOK NOW!

Don't forget to book your place at the Faculty's September conference on rehabilitation. We have a varied and highly experienced group of speakers lined up to discuss this topic which is central to occupational health and medicine.

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

**12 September at the Royal College of Anaesthetists, Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4SG**

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## Conference locations and venues

Members are asked to note that Faculty conferences are being held in a number of different venues. These are predominantly in London, since feedback indicates that this is the location most easily reached by most people. However, we are aware that there is also a demand for non-London venues and accordingly, the Faculty has a policy of planning its conference programme to include other cities, and has in recent years run events in Edinburgh, Manchester and Newry. Plans are currently being considered for an event in Scotland.

Whichever the city, the Faculty chooses conference venues which offer the best value for the event, and for this reason, a variety of venues for forthcoming London conferences is being used. We thought it useful to alert members to the fact that if they attend a Faculty event it will not always be in the same place as the previous event attended.

Please note that:

- the forthcoming conference, 'Getting back to work: what works?' on 12 September 2011 will be held at the Royal College of Anaesthetists in Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4SG
- the event to be held on 14 December 2011, which will consider the impact and legacy of the Carol Black Review (details to be published shortly), will be held at RIBA, the Royal Institute of British Architects, Portland Place, London W1B 1AD
- the 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting, Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner, will be held on **23 May** at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RG.

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## Training in the private sector: case studies sought

The GMC is currently looking into training in the smaller specialties, including occupational medicine. The Faculty is gathering information for the GMC and we would be particularly interested to be able to identify examples of high quality training in the private sector, to be able to build a broad picture of training across the UK.

We are conscious that many companies provide high quality training and also that some companies which used to offer excellent programmes have unfortunately now withdrawn from training, for a variety of reasons. We would like to understand more about the nature of such training and what it offered trainees, both in order to inform our own action planning for increasing recruitment and also to assist the GMC in understanding the positive diversity of training (and practice) in the specialty.

We would be interested to hear from specialists who trained in the private sector, whether or not their training post still exists, and to learn from them what they particularly valued about their training and how it equipped them for specialist practice.

If you are in this position and are happy to contribute to this gathering of information, which we hope to use both to demonstrate good practice in training to the GMC and also to build the case for increasing training posts, please write to [nicky.coates@facocmed.ac.uk](mailto:nicky.coates@facocmed.ac.uk) by **30 September 2011**.

Thank you

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## Secretary of State's Honorary Medical Advisory Panel on Driving and Diabetes Mellitus

This Panel is seeking to recruit a new member, particularly one who works in the field of occupational medicine and who has an interest in Diabetes Mellitus.

The Panel is chaired by Professor Brian Frier and advises the Secretary of State on matters concerning Diabetes Mellitus and on the appropriate standards for driver licensing.

The post is non-remunerative but reasonable travel costs and expenses are payable. There are two Panel meetings a year, normally in central London and appointments are for a five year period, renewable once by agreement.

The Faculty has been asked to propose names of suitable members for this position. We would then put forward several names for consideration by the Panel.

If you would be interested in putting your name forward for this, please send a brief CV and a short paragraph on your experience in this area to [nicky.coates@facocmed.ac.uk](mailto:nicky.coates@facocmed.ac.uk) by 9 00 am on Thursday 1 September 2011. Please also indicate that we would have your permission to forward your submission on to the Secretary of the Panel.

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With best wishes



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