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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Working for a healthier tomorrow: the legacy

Wednesday 14 December 2011 at the Royal Institute of British Architects, London W1

Dame Carol Black's review, *Working for a healthier tomorrow*, has been the impetus for major changes and developments in thinking and in practice in health and work, since its publication in 2008. Three years on, what has been the impact of this wide-ranging review? Have its recommendations to Government and wider stakeholders on how to improve the health of Britain's working age population been adopted? What difference has it made? And what will be the legacy?

This conference to consider the ramifications of the review will be addressed by Dame Carol Black who will give her own assessment. Dr Bill Gunnyeon will give the Department for Work and Pensions perspective and Professor John Harrison will speak for NHS Plus. The conference will also hear about initiatives in both primary and secondary care, arising from Dame Carol's work, and the reverberations of the review in private sector occupational health services.

For more information see:

<http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/library/docs/confomdec2011.pdf>

Are you a GP with the Faculty Diploma in Occupational Medicine?

We are looking for some GPs who hold the Diploma to assist with the Faculty stand at the RCGP conference in Liverpool on 20-22 October.

The Faculty works with GPs on a number of fronts, including the Healthy Working UK website (<http://www.healthyworkinguk.co.uk>) and other educational initiatives. In order to promote this work, the Faculty is having a stand at the RCGP exhibition, when we shall be taking the opportunity to talk to GPs about various aspects of work in occupational medicine, including taking the Diploma in Occupational Medicine.

It would be very helpful if some GPs who have taken the Diploma could be present at the stand at some points during the conference. This would mean that any GPs interested in knowing what the course and the examination are like, and how it might

help their work, could talk to a colleague who has been through the process.

If you are attending the conference in Liverpool and would be willing to attend the stand during one of the breaks, we should be very grateful. If you are able to do this or would like to know more, please email: nicky.coates@facocmed.ac.uk.

Fellowship

Members are reminded of the call for submissions for Fellowship and Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty. Full details are to be found in the members' section of the website at <http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/members/index.jsp>. The deadline for submissions is **Monday 17 October 2011**.

David Snashall, as outgoing Chair of the Fellowship Committee, has written an article for those applying for Fellowship and/or interested in participating in the work of the Committee in future. It is available at:
<http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/library/docs/fell-snashall2011.pdf>

NHS Consultants Clinical Excellence Awards for England and Wales

The Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body (DDRB) is currently advising the Department of Health Advisory Committee on Clinical Excellence Awards (ACCEA) on new awards for 2012, with a decision anticipated in September 2011. It is expected that the 2012 round will open in October with a closing date of 9 December 2011 for applications for national awards to be submitted electronically to ACCEA, and any supporting citations.

The Faculty will notify all members via the e-newsletter when the applications are open. ACCEA will also be announcing the results of the 2011 round in the autumn at the same time as the Government's response to the DDRB review is made available. In the meantime word versions of the application form can be downloaded from http://www.dh.gov.uk/ab/ACCEA/DH_128883 to allow consultants to begin work, should they wish, on their applications before the launch of the online system.

In order for the Faculty to meet the ACCEA's 9 December deadline, we will need to receive applications for support for national awards **by Monday 31 October 2011**.

Getting back to work: what works?

A synopsis of the conference held on 12 September 2011 is now available on the website at:
<http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/library/docs/confomsep2011rep.pdf>

The Faculty's autumn conference addressed one of the core issues for occupational health services: helping people back into work. Delegates heard about the evidence base, and how one occupational physician had developed a comprehensive return to work policy. They also learned about some more particular aspects of return to work, including the support needed by people with mental health problems, the special issues that apply to health professionals and military personnel and a scheme geared towards supporting people with learning disabilities into the workplace.

The conference feedback from delegates was very positive, with 90% reporting that the conference met their expectations well or comprehensively.

Our thanks go to the excellent group of speakers who made the day so informative and varied.

BMJ Supportive and Palliative Care

We have been advised by the BMJ that Faculty members who receive *Occupational and Environmental Medicine* now have full text access to the new title *BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care* at no charge during 2011.

The BMJ informs us that this international peer review journal's high quality content will assist healthcare professionals to improve supportive and palliative care for all patients. It is relevant for clinicians, researchers and other healthcare workers in all clinical services where supportive and palliative care is practised. The next issue is due to be published later this month.

Access to *BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care* is via the existing authentication methods used for BMJ and BMJ Journals content at: <http://spcare.bmj.com/>

If you encounter any problems with access, you should contact the BMJ's Customer Support Team: support@bmjgroup.com.

With best wishes



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