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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Fellows : Officer vacancies

Nominations are being sought for the office of **Treasurer** which will become vacant at the Annual General Meeting in 2012 when Simon Sheard completes six years in this role. The Faculty is keen to appoint his successor ahead of time so that they can become familiar with the budget and other financial processes. Further information is available in the members' area of the site at:

<http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/library/docs/jobtreas2011.pdf>

In addition, a vacancy for the role of **Director of Assessment** will arise during 2012 when Dil Sen completes six years in this role. This vacancy is being flagged up now, ahead of formal applications being sought, so that Fellows have plenty of time to consider their suitability and availability for the role which is outlined below.

The Director of Assessment oversees all the Faculty's educational assessments, the main ones being examinations and dissertations. He/she is a member of the Executive Committee and, as such, has responsibilities for the wider Faculty activities, as well as his/her own area of assessment. All Chief Examiners report to the Director of Assessment. He/she liaises closely with the relevant Faculty staff, who carry out the work on a day-to-day basis, and is expected to attend 8 Executive Committee meetings, 3 Assessment Subcommittee meetings and a Strategy meeting each year, as well as some ad hoc events.

This is advance notice of the role which will be advertised formally in 2012.

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. Professor John Harrison of NHS Plus will speak about current innovative thinking in occupational health and Dr Bill Gunnyeon of the Department for Work and Pensions will look to the future. The conference will also hear from Dr Josip Car and Dr Julia Smedley about initiatives in both primary and secondary care, arising from Dame Carol's work, and from Professor Mike O'Donnell about the impact of the review in private sector occupational health services.

Dame Carol is also one of the Co-Reviewers for the Independent Review of Sickness Absence commissioned by the Government and should the Review have been published by December, then we hope to consider its recommendations during the Conference.

For more information see:

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

With best wishes



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