



WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER 2011

Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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## Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Christmas is coming but there is still a little Faculty business to squeeze in this week. I hope that you may find the time to consider some of the items in this newsletter, either now or in the New Year.

Please do think, particularly, whether you might apply for one of the prizes.

As explained in the recent President's letter, which you should have received, we shall be launching a new website in the New Year, with a new address: [www.fom.ac.uk](http://www.fom.ac.uk).

This address is already reflected in our email addresses although the old ones will continue to work for some time.

It only remains for me to thank you for your support of the Faculty during the year, to wish you a very Happy Christmas and to send our best wishes to you for 2012.

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## Reminder for 2011 CPD Returns

As the current CPD cycle running from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011 is drawing to a close now is a good time to prepare 2011 CPD Returns for submission to the Faculty.

- **The deadline for CPD submissions is 31 March 2012; submissions received after this date will incur a late fee.**
- The CPD submission should consist of pages CPD1 and CPD6.
- CPD returns can be submitted by posting to the address below or email to [CPD@facocmed.ac.uk](mailto:CPD@facocmed.ac.uk).
- For more information, please refer to our website: <http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/cpd/cpdfom.jsp>

The whole CPD return and evidence of having completed the applicable learning activities should be kept until your first revalidation cycle is complete. It is essential to keep good records of your CPD activities even after CPD Returns have been submitted. Good evidence of CPD activities would constitute proof of attendance and a copy of the course outline, programme or similar that demonstrates the value and relevance of the CPD activity. It is worth remembering good evidence will become increasingly

important as revalidation draws nearer.

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## **Preparing for the introduction of medical revalidation: a guide for independent sector leaders in England**

The General Medical Council and the Independent Healthcare Advisory Services have published new guidance on revalidation for the independent sector. The guide is called 'Preparing for the introduction of medical revalidation: a guide for the independent sector leaders in England'.

The guide aims to help outline the steps which those leading independent sector organisations need to take, to be ready for the implementation of revalidation in late 2012.

On page 8 of the guidance, there is a flowchart, which aims to help you to identify who your Responsible Officer will be; based on the hierarchy of the organisation you work for.

<http://bit.ly/uLGGLy>

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## **Faculty Prizes - could you be a winner?**

**Deadline: 29 February 2012**

The Faculty offers two annual awards and all members are encouraged to consider whether they might be eligible. For details see:

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

**The Wilf Howe Memorial Prize**, which is an engraved memento and a cheque for £500, is awarded in recognition of an outstanding innovation, initiative or intervention which has delivered a demonstrable health benefit for a defined working population.

**The Mobbs Travelling Fellowship** offers an opportunity for doctors to travel to a centre of excellence to study a particular aspect of occupational medicine or to travel to a scientific meeting for which they have had a paper or poster accepted.

The Mobbs Fellowships have now also been extended to medical students and junior doctors, to fund occupational health electives.

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## **Training Newsletter**

We have initiated a six monthly training newsletter, put together by the Director of Training and Trainee Representative on the Board. It is aimed at keeping all those involved in specialty training up to date with developments and will routinely be sent to trainees, current trainers, RSAs and their Deputies, members of the Faculty's Specialist Advisory Committee and academic centres, but is available to all members at:

<http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/members/newsletters.jsp>

The first issue contains an item which may be of interest to dissertation assessors.

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With best wishes

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