



**Friday 19 March 2010**

Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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## **Annual Scientific Meeting 27 May 2010**

This is a reminder that booking forms are now available for the Annual Scientific Meeting, Annual General Meeting and Dinner. Please click [here](#) for the programme and booking details.

We hope you are able to attend and look forward to seeing you there.

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## **GMC Consultation on Revalidation**

The GMC has launched its consultation on revalidation and has asked us to circulate it as widely as possible. A press release <http://www.gmc-uk.org/news/5881.asp> explaining the consultation was issued on 1 March and it contains links to the consultation itself and the various methods of sending a response. The consultation closes on 4 June 2010.

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## **New Appointments**

We are pleased to announce that Dr Sylvia Awberry has been appointed as Chief Examiner, Diploma of Disability Assessment Medicine (DDAM) and we wish her well in her new post. We are delighted that Dr Awberry has undertaken this role and know that she will offer a great deal to this important work.

We would like to express our warm thanks to Dr Moira Henderson, who has now stepped down as Chief Examiner.

We are also pleased to announce that Dr Lucia Batty has been appointed Deputy Chief Examiner, Workplace Based Assessments (WBA). There continues to be much hard work and effort going into shaping and developing the Workplace Based Assessments and we know that Dr Batty's appointment will be of great value.

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## Regional Specialty Advisors and Deputies

Dr Denis D'Auria has advised us that, as he is retiring, he is stepping down from the role of Deputy Regional Specialty Advisor (Deputy RSA) for Wales. We would like to thank him for his support to the Faculty and wish him well for the future.

We are pleased to announce that Dr Peter Milne has been appointed as the Deputy RSA for Wessex.

We are looking to fill a number of vacancies and we would be very grateful if members would consider offering their services for the following six posts:

RSAs for the **Northern** , **NW Thames** and **Oxford** regions

Deputy RSAs for the **NE Thames**, **SW Thames** and **Wales** regions.

If you are interesting in applying for any of these vacancies, please contact David Greening at [david.greening@facocmed.ac.uk](mailto:david.greening@facocmed.ac.uk).

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## Health & Work Development Unit Executive Committee - Vacancy

The Faculty is seeking a new representative for the Executive Committee of the Health and Work Development Unit (formerly the OHCEU) which meets four times a year. The Unit now works across both NHS and private sector. We are looking for a member who has an interest in, and an understanding and experience of, quality improvement in the health and work arena. Experience of business planning would also be an advantage. If you are interested, please outline your relevant experience in an email to Jean Whaley ([jean.whaley@facocmed.ac.uk](mailto:jean.whaley@facocmed.ac.uk)) by 12 April 2010.

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## NHS Plus/Health & Work Development Unit (formerly the OHCEU) Guideline

The public consultation on the NHS Plus/Health & Work Development Unit (formerly the OHCEU) guideline and summary leaflets 'Varicella zoster virus in the workplace: occupational aspects of management' is now open. The Health and Work Development Unit would be very pleased to receive comments from members of the Faculty on the content of the guideline and summary leaflets. The documents and response form are available on the NHS Plus website:

<http://www.nhsplus.nhs.uk/providers/clinicaleffectiveness-vzvguidanceconsultation.asp>. The consultation will close at 5pm on 24th March.

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## BMA Occupational Medicine Committee (OMC)

The secretariat support allocated to BMA committees is directly related to the proportion of BMA members that are listed as being occupational physicians. According to BMA data only just over 300 members are occupational physicians. Consequently we share our single executive officer with 4 other committees. Apart from the number feeling low, when we launched the new edition of *The Occupational Physician* a number of colleagues did not receive it and we thought the reason was that they were probably were not listed as occupational physicians.

I am making a plea to occupational physicians who are BMA members to go [www.bma.org.uk](http://www.bma.org.uk), to check your details at: My BMA details and to make sure that you are listed as an occupational physician. That way can we attempt to ensure that the OMC has better secretariat support and that members receive relevant mailings.

With thanks

Paul Nicholson

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## Faculty Expenses Policy

A new expenses policy and form have been introduced by the Faculty – see <http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/library/index.jsp?ref=569>

Two new features of the policy are as follows:

- 1) First class travel will be reimbursed only in exceptional circumstances, where there is a clear need.
- 2) For larger events (such as examiner training days) all attendees will be offered, and encouraged to use assistance with their travel arrangements from the Faculty through Anna Marsland ([anna.marsland@facocmed.ac.uk](mailto:anna.marsland@facocmed.ac.uk)).

This new policy came into effect on 1 March 2010. If you have any queries, please email [katie.harris@facocmed.ac.uk](mailto:katie.harris@facocmed.ac.uk).

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With best wishes



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