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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Notice of proposed changes to Standing Orders

This email is to inform members that [notice has been given on the website](#) of a proposal to change the Standing Orders. This proposal will be put to members at the Annual General Meeting on 27 May 2010. The purpose of the proposed changes is to clarify the eligibility requirements for those wishing to affiliate to the Faculty and to limit the appointment period of Officers and lay Board members to two three-year spans, bringing these posts into line with elected Trustees.

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Future directions for occupational health care in the UK

Last summer, we consulted members on a draft strategy for occupational health care in the UK. Thank you to all who responded for the many thoughtful observations and suggestions that were received. The document has now been revised in response to the comments, and was agreed by the Faculty Board at its meeting on 13 January. A copy can be found [here](#). A detailed response to the individual comments can be found [here](#).

This overview will now help to underpin Faculty activities moving forward. Many of the actions listed are already being implemented, but others have yet to be initiated. An early step will be to share our thinking with colleagues in the other OH professional groups that are represented at the Council for Work and Health.

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Examinations Update

- January saw the last ever AFOM examination take place. The AFOM exam will be replaced by the MFOM part 2, which is the new 'exit' exam for trainees. Trainees will sit the exam during their final year of specialty training. The first MFOM part 2 written paper will take place on Monday 27th September 2010. The clinical exam will take place on Tuesday 12 October, at the Clinical Skills Centre, Northern General Hospital, Sheffield.

- As part of its routine review of assessment procedures, the Faculty has amended the rules relating to appeals against exam results. The main changes can be found in the [revised General Faculty Examination Regulations F17-F22](#) ; there are also changes to the associated [Formal Appeals Rules](#) . The new rules spell out in detail the various steps and expected timescales, as well as potential grounds for appeal and the Faculty's position on exceptional personal circumstances.
- Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members, who are involved in the development, delivery and marking of our exams. We would also like to welcome our new examiners, who have been appointed over recent months; we appreciate your commitment and we are looking forward to working with you.

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2010 Subscriptions

Please note that the membership subscriptions for 2010 will be due for renewal on 1 April and invoices will be sent to all members. For those with direct debits, subscriptions will automatically be collected on that day. If you should wish to pay by direct debit, click [here](#) for a form. Please complete and sign the form by 20 March and send it to: Katie Harris, Head of Finance and Membership, Faculty of Occupational Medicine, 6 St Andrews Place, LONDON, NW1 4LB.

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With best wishes



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