



## Occupational Medicine National Trainee Conference

March 17 & 18 2015

Pembroke College, Oxford

Success! We have had our first Trainee Conference. This was hopefully the first of many more to come and from the feedback appears to have been enjoyed by all. It was a great mix of thought provoking and fascinating talks with extremely enjoyable social and networking opportunities.

**Day 1:** We were privileged to have a selection of world renowned speakers imparting their knowledge on an array of challenging topics such as Global perspective on Occupational Health, Risk Communication and Environmental Incidents as well as Occupational Hygiene. This was an invaluable opportunity to hear about topics that many trainees may not come across in their training areas but need to be aware of.

**Day 2:** This day was more about careers and personal development. We were fortunate to have some high flying consultants from varying backgrounds relaying anecdotes and lessons they have learnt along the way. We also had a qualifying trainee impart her tips on how to navigate the path of training. The talks were fascinating, witty and beneficial; all of which gave a different perspective of Occupational Medicine than may be available in a trainee's day to day role. We also had a question and answer session regarding training queries. A more detailed overview will be made available on the Faculty and School websites.

The evening of Day 1 offered us the opportunity to soak up the experience of being in an Oxford College, steeped in all its history and enjoy a splendid meal with superb company. It was a great opportunity for the trainees to learn more about each other and the differences in their regional training whilst forging networks to support one another on our common goal of completing our training with some fun along the way. Dr Sally Coomber provided entertainment in the guise of humorous tales of her career to date and of course much appreciated pearls of wisdom.

Thanks to all those involved with organising the event, the staff at the Faculty, the staff at Pembroke College and all the speakers. We are also grateful to Corporate Health, the Occupational Health charity, for their generous sponsorship of the event allowing the Faculty to subsidise the whole event. We look forward to the next conference with great anticipation.

### The Organising Committee

[See more here](#)

Welcome to the latest issue of the School's e-bulletin.

This month features a brief report on the Occupational Medicine Trainee Conference 2015.

### School Structure

- The roles of the Deputy Head of School and National TPD will be advertised shortly.
- The governance structure is being finalised.

### National Recruitment

- 12 posts appointed to across England, Wales and Scotland
- 42 applicants - a record number!
- 31 candidates interviewed over 2 days in April

### National ARCP process

- The first cohort of national ARCP to take place on the 19th June and 3rd of July for trainees due ARCPs in the summer.
- The winter 2015 ARCP dates are
  - 27 November - South
  - 4 December – Mid
  - 11 December – North

### Multi-Disciplinary work

- Completion of the multi-professional consultation on generic competency framework development in OH
- Completion of reports and calculating the projected OH workforce numbers in consultation with specialists and businesses in medicine, nursing and physiotherapy. Also using the feedback from the professions.
- Liaising with universities on their current curriculae in OH and how to open the courses out.
- Compilation of the conference data for development of the report, action recommendations and Consensus statement.