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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Faculty ASM, 19th May 2011

Professor Sir Michael Marmot - Fair society, healthy lives

Professor Sir Michael Marmot was asked by the Secretary of State for Health to chair an independent review to propose the most effective evidence-based strategies for reducing health inequalities. Sir Michael will be talking about the resulting report: Fair Society, Healthy Lives: a Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England post-2010.

Dr Richard Heron - Deepwater Horizon response: protecting health

Dr Heron, Vice President Health BP, will be speaking about protecting health in the context of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Professor Neil Pearce - Getting occupational health back on the agenda: the case of New Zealand

Professor Pearce will be sharing his New Zealand experience of occupational health. This packed day also covers HIV transmission, drug and alcohol testing and diabetes.

To book: <http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/library/docs/fomagm2011.pdf>

Or phone: 020 3116 6910

Faculty AGM

The Faculty's Annual General Meeting for 2011 will be held on 19th May at 3.30 at the Royal College of Physicians, London.

The agenda and annual report will be available in the members' section of the website on 28th April.

Who is the Responsible Officer's Responsible Officer?

In February we provided an update drawing attention to the Responsible Officer Regulations and, in particular, the anticipated role of the Faculty's Responsible Officer (RO) <http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/news/index.jsp?ref=348>.

Responsible Officers themselves of course also need their own RO, and the regulations state that this will be the RO of the relevant Strategic Health Authority (SHA). The SHA leads are currently in the process of identifying ROs in their area and asking them to complete the self-assessment questionnaire at:

http://www.revalidationsupport.nhs.uk/or_1.asp, which is aimed at establishing the baseline position in preparation for revalidation.

Any designated body, as defined by the RO regulations, that has not yet made contact with their SHA RO, should do so at the earliest opportunity in order to be included in

any programme of training that might be offered. A list of contacts can be found at:
http://www.revalidationsupport.nhs.uk/or_2.asp.

Designated bodies that do not wish to appoint their own RO may arrange to contract with an alternative designated body which can be a similar organisation or the Faculty of Occupational Medicine.

Change4Life – health promotion packs for the workplace

The Government's Change4Life campaign offers a range of free tools and printed materials for health professionals advising employers on workforce health and wellbeing at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/partner-supporter-tools.aspx>

If you sign up as a local supporter you will also get a monthly update on campaign activity.

Consultation – members' comments invited

Members of the Faculty are invited to comment on the following consultation:
Reform of the fitness to practise procedures at the GMC – the future of adjudication and the establishment of the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service at:

https://gmc.e-consultation.net/econsult/Doclist.aspx?Type=D&consult_Id=169&status=&criteria=l

All comments should be sent to Faculty Board Member, Mike Gibson, at mike.gibson@facocmed.ac.uk. Mike will collate the comments and submit the response on behalf of the Faculty.

Please send your comments by 1 June 2011.

With best wishes



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