



What the Society does for you

The SOM supports and guides members throughout their career, from their student through to retirement. It is a leading voice for the occupational health and medicine profession. As a not-for-profit organisation we exist only to serve our members.

About the SOM

The Society of Occupational Medicine (SOM) is the UK organisation for all healthcare professionals working in or with an interest in occupational health and medicine. Its objects are:

- the protection of the health of people in the workplace
- the prevention of occupational injuries and disease
- related environmental issues

The SOM proactively works with policy makers across the UK and in 2016 we were delighted that Lord Blunkett agreed to be our patron. We work globally through our international regional group and the International Occupational Medicine Society Collaborative.

Membership benefits

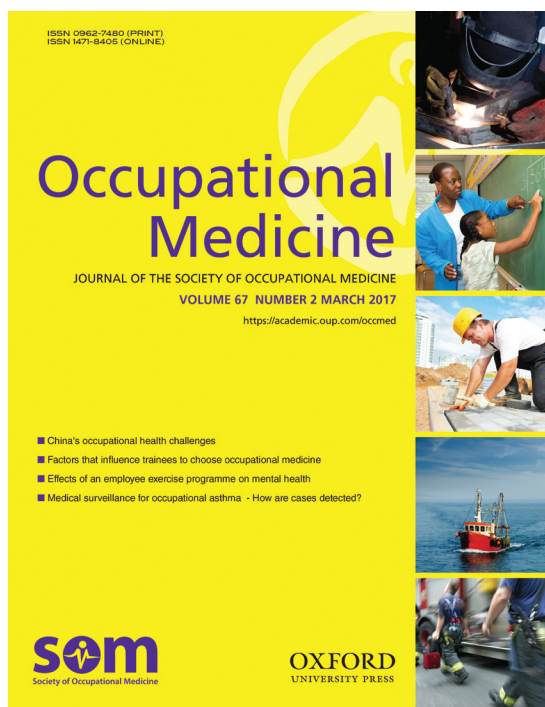
- SOM regional groups – a forum for the exchange of ideas, and best practice
- Appraisal services
- Golden Jubilee grants for SOM members to support travel overseas
- A new Peer Support network
- Discounts on registration fees for conferences and events
- Monthly e news and alerts
- Invitations to member receptions
- Discounts on products from selected partners
- Use of our London offices to meet clients and colleagues
- Receipt of our Journal: *Occupational Medicine*

SOM advises members on occupational health and medicine policy and hosts special interest groups for members on particular issues.

Professional Development for SOM members

SOM offers members discounted and free events – we are a leader in providing continued professional development and education for all doctors and healthcare professionals working in occupational health and medicine.

SOM hosts a leading journal, *Occupational Medicine*, which all our members receive. It hosts podcasts and offers useful resources on key areas of occupational health and medicine.



Recent activities

We regularly meet with Government. For example, our Patron hosted an event in late 2016 at the House of Lords on the new health and work Green Paper. We correspond with policy makers, including the Secretary of State at the Department of Work and Pensions, and recently contributed to a BMA report on the occupational medicine workforce crisis. We followed this up by facilitating a question in parliament about the issue.

In 2016 we hosted a number of events, including an Occupational Medicine journal reviewers' workshop, appraiser training and webinars. We showcased occupational health through our partnership with the Royal Society of Medicine. SOM exhibits and speaks at conferences such as the Association of Directors of Public Health and Medical Council on Alcohol. A particular focus was on GPs, with a campaign targeted at informing them about occupational health

SOM recently launched a new student membership category and international regional group.

2017 plans

- Expand our events and continue our regular webinars
- Host a leading conference (June 26-8th 2017 in Leeds) with the Faculty of Occupational Medicine
- Support regional groups to increase attendance, by increasing the SOM grant to such groups
- Host an Authors' workshop for our Journal
- Run a consultation event with the Department of Work and Pensions and Department of Health
- Implement ISO9001 for our appraisal service
- Review our constitution, so it is fit for purpose
- Re launch our website
- Expand our job advertisement offer
- Offer insurance to nurses and corporate occupational health providers

Job opportunities

We have details of the latest vacancies in occupational health and medicine. By being a member you can receive for job alerts, and to be among the first to know when opportunities arise.



Winner of the SOM Christmas photo competition.

The painting was done as part of the rebuilding of St Pancras station and the paint being sprayed is an epoxy resin based paint. The patient in question had occupational asthma as a consequence of his exposure.

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