



# What the Society does for you

The SOM supports and guides members throughout their career, from being a 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, which include disability assessors, doctors, ergonomists, health technicians, hygienists, nurses, physiotherapists, and psychologists.

## 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. Our Patrons are Lord Blunkett and Norman Lamb MP. We work globally through our international regional group and the International Occupational Medicine Society Collaborative.



*The Rt Hon. the Lord Blunkett*



*Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP*

## Membership benefits

- Regional groups in the UK and internationally that provide local networking opportunities, workplace visits and clinical lectures
- Our acclaimed *Occupational Medicine Journal*
- Occupational health nurse indemnity insurance
- Free legal advice
- Access to our quality assured appraisal scheme to support revalidation
- Free online appraisal toolkit for nurses
- A monthly online newsletter including events, job advertisements and important policy and practice updates
- Online / distance learning through our free webinar package
- Discounted tickets to our Annual Conference and to other conferences and events
- Peer to peer support
- Golden Jubilee grants for SOM members to support travel overseas
- Invitations to member receptions
- Discounts on products from selected partners
- Use of our London offices to meet clients and colleagues
- Access to our SOM Members website, with its resources and learning zone

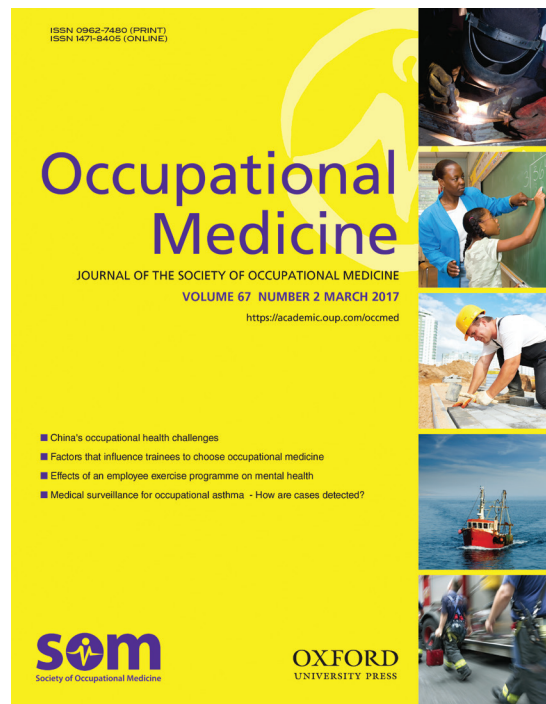
SOM advises members on occupational health and medicine policy and hosts special interest groups for members on issues including HAVS, Skin, MSK and Mental Health.

**For further information, please contact [membership@som.org.uk](mailto:membership@som.org.uk)**

## 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 Lord Blunkett hosted an event in late 2017 at the House of Lords on *What is Good Work?* We correspond with policy makers, including the Secretary of State at the Department of Work and Pensions and the Department of Health.

In 2017 we hosted a number of events, including an *Occupational Medicine* Journal Authors' workshop, appraiser training, webinars and a WHO consultation on workers' health. We showcased occupational health through our partnership with the Royal Society of Medicine. SOM exhibits and speaks at conferences such as the Tri-Service Symposium at Sandhurst, 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.

In 2017 we achieved the ISO 9001 standard for our appraisal service.

## 2018 plans

- Expand our events and free webinars
- Host a leading conference (June 25–7th 2018 in London) with the Faculty of Occupational Medicine
- Support regional groups to increase attendance
- Host an Authors' workshop for our Journal
- Event on Health Surveillance with the National School of Occupational Health and on HAVS with the Royal Society of Medicine
- Launch Corporate Supporter and Group Membership
- Host inaugural SOM Awards
- Jointly host a mental health event with the British Psychological Society
- Launch an occupational health user group
- Presenting at the ICOH 2018 Conference in Dublin



*Professor Ivan Robertson speaking at the SOM / BPS mental health event in October 2017, hosted by Aviva*

## Job opportunities

We can promote details of the latest vacancies in occupational health and medicine. Full members of the SOM receive job alerts, and are among the first to know when opportunities arise.



*The SOM team visiting a Skanska building site in London in December 2017*

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