



SOCIETY OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

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1. It will be the SOMs 75th Anniversary in 2010. The Association of Industrial Medical Officers was founded in 1935 and adopted the current name in 1965. The Society is currently exploring ways of celebrating the event.
2. Council of the SOM is debating whether to expand eligibility criteria for admission to the Society. Membership is, at present, limited to medically qualified personnel only. Generally, this is now seen as being too restrictive, however no firm recommendations have been agreed, as yet.
3. The Society continues to see its main objective in the provision of quality Continuing Education to its members. Revalidation and Relicensing is coming for all Doctors in the UK, and good evidence for Professional Development will be requisite for this. The Society's regional structure is a powerful way of delivering this, with regular meeting throughout the country. Preparations are underway for a one day conference on Mental Health on March 3, 2010 in London, and the Diamond Jubilee Annual Scientific Meeting in Edinburgh, June 6-9.
4. Its Quality Assured Appraisal Scheme, accredited by the Healthcare Accreditation and Quality Unit (HAQU), continues to support members working independently in the revalidation/ relicensing process.

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