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Spring is (almost) here!



It's good to be in touch again and hope you're all well. So many spring flowers out to give us a lift and the vaccination roll out is an amazing positive step for us all!

Great news to share to start with...

MSc Musculoskeletal Medicine

Congratulations to all those who have successfully completed SOMM's MSc Musculoskeletal Medicine at Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh!

A huge 'well done!' to:

Franco Davis

Joakim Halvorsen

Josefin Ivarsson

Lisa Owen

Suzanne Rees

Hannah Tarr

A fantastic achievement - hope you can take some well-deserved time out soon!

Good luck Jill - and thanks!

Great for her - but sad for us - our long-time Fellow, Jill Kerr, retired from teaching at the end of last year after over 25 years with SOMM!



Everyone reading this will know Jill for sure - not least because she brought so many fun ideas into her teaching and was always the first on the dance floor on course nights out.

She contributed to and achieved so much for the Society, especially in her roles as Chair of Education, Module Coordinator for the Foundation' and advanced modules and more latterly as Joint Programme Leader for the MSc Musculoskeletal Medicine.

Jill was one of the early graduates from SOMM's MSc Musculoskeletal Medicine, she co-authored two editions of the textbook 'A Practical Approach to Musculoskeletal Medicine' and supported so many new Fellows as they found their feet in the team.

She was a natural on video and set us off on our path for virtual courses during the pandemic. What a legacy she's left us and we all wish her the very best for the future. Thanks Jill!!!

What does it take to be a SOMM Member?



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To be a full Member of SOMM, you need to have completed the three units of the Foundation in Musculoskeletal Medicine module and passed the Membership exams that are taken after Unit 3 - that's the practical exam and the true/false paper.

Most students go on to submit the reflective essay and personal development plan to achieve the SOMM Diploma in Musculoskeletal Medicine - which is worth 60 master's level credits towards SOMM's MSc Musculoskeletal Medicine.

At the moment, SOMM is not charging a subscription fee for you to be able to maintain your Membership. Please note that it is important that you do maintain your subscription if you want to be able to use 'MSOMM' after your name and can you make sure that you keep the [office](#) up to date with any changes in your contact details?

Do pass this information on to your colleagues who have passed the exams, so that they can check that they're still on SOMM's Membership database and can keep in touch.

Jolly good...



SOMM is looking to recruit and train **new Fellows**. Are *you* interested - or do you know anyone who might be?

You need to have passed your SOMM Membership exams and be a fully subscribing Member of SOMM (see above) - and to be keen to teach and develop the approach moving forward. Our 'Preparation for Teaching Musculoskeletal Medicine' module has been validated for 20 master's level credits as part of the MSc Musculoskeletal Medicine but can also be taken as a stand-alone module.

There is a separate application procedure for a Student Fellowship and if you would like to know more about the module and what's involved in being a SOMM Fellow, please get in touch: admin@sommcourses.org

Opportunity to take part in research

Dr Gillian Yeowell, project lead at Manchester Metropolitan University, has contacted us to see if we can help with their research study: **Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES) and litigation**.

Dr Yeowell has asked to include the following announcement:

CES and litigation study

We are undertaking a research study in relation to Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES) and litigation. We would like to interview physiotherapists who have been involved in CES litigation cases to explore their experiences in relation to this (even if your case didn't proceed we would be extremely keen to speak to you). This study has been funded by the CSP.

If you are interested in being involved in our research or would like further information please contact Rachel Leech:

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This study has been funded by the *Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Charitable Trust (Grant number PRF/19/A18)*. Ethical approval has been obtained from Manchester Metropolitan University HPSC Faculty Ethics Committee – EthOS Reference Number: 18122

And here's the updated Course Programme for 2021 FYI...

Course	Dates 2021	Unit	Venue	Virtual/Face (F2F)
Foundation in Musculoskeletal Medicine	27 th February, 6 th March	Unit 1a		Virtual
	19 th , 20 th April (practical from November 2020 course)	Unit 2b	Liverpool	F2F
	29 th , 30 th April (practical from October 2020 course)	Unit 1b	Liverpool	F2F
	21 st , 22 nd May (practical from 27 th February, 6 th March 2021 course)	Unit 1b	Liverpool	F2F
	26 th , 27 th May (practical from 8 th , 9 th February 2021 course)	Unit 2b	Liverpool	F2F
	23 rd – 27 th June	Unit 3	Liverpool	F2F
	17 th , 18 th September	Unit 1a		Virtual
	24 th , 25 th September	Unit 1b	Liverpool	F2F
	8 th , 9 th October	Unit 2a		Virtual
	15 th , 16 th October	Unit 2b	Liverpool	F2F
Theory and Practice of Injection Therapy	22 nd – 24 th April	Unit 1	Liverpool	F2F
	6 th – 8 th May	Unit 1	Liverpool	F2F
	14 th , 15 th May	Unit 2	Liverpool	F2F
	20 th , 21 st May	Unit 2	Belfast	F2F
	5 th , 6 th June	Unit 2	Edinburgh	F2F
	26 th , 27 th November (from Unit 1 April 2021)	Unit 2	Liverpool	F2F
	3 rd , 4 th December (from Unit 1 May 2021)	Unit 2	Liverpool	F2F
Advancing Practice in Musculoskeletal Medicine	15 th - 17 th April (from Unit 1 October 2020)	Unit 2	Liverpool	F2F
	9 th , 23 rd October	Unit 1		Virtual
	28 th – 30 th April 2022	Unit 2	Liverpool	F2F
MSc Musculoskeletal Medicine	Induction, w/b 7 th September		Edinburgh	F2F
HEE Supervision and Verification Training – FCP-AP Roadmap	12 th , 26 th February			Virtual
	11 th , 12 th March			Virtual
	21 st April, 1 st May			Virtual
	5 th May, 26 th May			Virtual

Additional dates for Foundation and Injection courses will be introduced when confirmed

Please pass this news on to your friends and networks.

Take good care and we'll see you soon!



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