



THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS

International Committee

Terms of Reference

1 Background

The International Committee subsumed the Overseas Strategy Group in September 2003. The Overseas Strategy Group was formed in October 2001 and was given the remit by Council to export the College in a systematic way and help overseas doctors gain training in the UK, where appropriate. This remit also included European doctors.

The International Committee shall carry out those functions necessary to enable the College to review and conduct international business relating the College's activity. It will make recommendations to Council where necessary.

2 Remit of the International Committee

In doing this work, the committee's main functions will be:

- 2.1 To act as the focus point for the network of International Advisors and to ensure the creation and implementation of plans and strategies that are context sensitive.
- 2.2 To offer the College's advocacy and professional support to members overseas.
- 2.3 To consider and make recommendations to Council on applications for membership of the College under ordinance 3(c)iii.
- 2.4 To oversee the College sponsorship scheme for sponsorship for General medical Council (GMC) registration with exemption from Professional Linguistics and Assessment Board (PLAB).
- 2.5 To consider any issues relating to International Medical Graduates (IMGs) in the UK that may impact upon training.
- 2.6 To advise on the international strategy of the College examinations and qualifications.
- 2.7 To consider and endorse overseas academic activity and conferencing and to oversee the process for College advisory overseas visits.
- 2.8 To advise on overseas/international affairs relevant to the College as these arise.

3 Reporting structure

3.1 The International Committee reports directly to Council.

4 Membership of the International Committee

4.1 Membership of the International Committee will consist of the following:

- Co-Chairs, who may be appointed by the President with the approval of Council. Either chair or co-chair will be a College VP.
- International Advisors appointed by Council representing the various geographic areas of the world or deputies.
- Director of Training and Educational Standards or deputy.
- Director of Examinations and Assessment or deputy.
- Director of Academic Activities and Conferencing or deputy.
- Trainee Advisory Committee (TAC) representative or deputy.

In addition, observers will attend the committee:

- Head of Educational and Professional Standards
- Training and Educational Standards Manager
- Exams Manager
- Events Manager
- Training and Educational Standards Co-ordinator

The Committee may co-opt, either for the periods specified in the co-option or for a single meeting, any person who appears to either co-chair of the Committee to be specially qualified to express an opinion on any matter falling to be considered by the committee, for example a person with an interest in a particular area of the world.

The Committee will report to the Chair on its deliberations and findings.

5 Meetings

5.1 Meetings will be held three times a year at The Royal College of Pathologists, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AF, unless otherwise.

6 Resources

6.1 Travelling and other expenses will be paid to members of the committee (or deputies when appropriate) in line with the College's expenses policy. The expenses policy and claims form are available on the website at www.rcpath.org/index.asp?PageID=732 and hard copies can be provided upon request.

6.2 Administrative support will be provided by the Training and Educational Standards Department at the Royal College of Pathologists.

6.3 Minutes will be made available on the College website - www.rcpath.org/index.asp?PageID=727 (log in required).

The Royal College of Pathologists
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