

MENA region news

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INTERNATIONAL ADVISOR FOR MENA REGION

Professor Ismail Matalaka is the College's International Advisor for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Professor Matalaka's appointment was approved by Council on 3rd June 2015 for a period of three years. Based in Jordan, Professor Ismail Matalaka is the Dean of the School of Medicine and Chair of the Department of Pathology at Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST). He is the current President of the Arab Division of the International Academy of Pathology and President of the Jordanian Society of Pathologists. He is also the Secretary of the Arab Board of Pathology and the College's local examinations co-ordinator for the FRCPath Part 1 and Part 2 examination centres in Irbid. Professor Matalaka has significant experience in pathology education, training, examinations and assessment practices in Jordan and across the MENA region.

Fellows can contact Professor Matalaka via email: ismail.matalaka@rcpath.org

COUNTRY ADVISOR APPOINTMENTS

2015 has seen the appointment of a record number of Country Advisors in the MENA region. Egypt, Kurdistan, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and the United Arab Emirates all now have Country Advisors who represent the College and act as key points of contact for members within the region. A list of current MENA region Country Advisors and their contact details is attached.

If your country does not have an advisor and you would be interested in taking up the role, please contact the International Department (email: international@rcpath.org) for further information about how to apply.

EXAMINER RECRUITMENT | FRCPath Part 2 Haematology Examinations | Dubai, UAE

The College is in the process of establishing an overseas examination centre for the FRCPath Part 2 Haematology Examinations in Dubai, United Arab Emirates in 2016. We would like to hear from Haematology Fellows residing in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region who would be interested in becoming College Examiners. Interested Fellows should email the International Department in the first instance: international@rcpath.org

COLLEGE SIGNS HISTORIC ACCORD WITH PAKISTAN

Last month, the College signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Pakistan (CPSP) and the Pakistan Association of Pathologists (PAP). The MOU was signed at PAP's annual meeting in Lahore, Pakistan on 7th November 2015 and commits all signatories to work together to improve training, practice and standards in pathology and laboratory medicine in Pakistan. The MOU was also endorsed by PAP's constituent specialty associations:

- Pakistan Society of Immunology

- Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease Society of Pakistan
- Histopathology and Cytology Society of Pakistan
- Association for Molecular Pathology Pakistan
- Pakistan Society of Chemical Pathology
- Pakistan Society of Haematology

WORLD CANCER CONGRESS | Paris, France | 31 Oct – 3 Nov 2016

Next year more than 3,500 cancer experts will travel to Paris to discuss the latest cancer trends and projections, learn about best practices in science implementation and meet their peers from around the world. The International Department is currently negotiating reduced registration fees for members of the College. If you are planning to attend the Congress and would like to take advantage of the College's group booking arrangement, please email: international@rcpath.org