



International Committee Meeting

A meeting of the **International Committee meeting** was held on **Thursday 3 November 2022 at 14:10 am (GMT)** via Teams.

The meeting was chaired by **Professor Ismail Matalaka, Clinical Director of International Activities.**

Dr Lance Sandle
Registrar

Present	Professor Ismail Matalaka	Clinical Director of International Activities
	Professor Angharad Davies	Vice President of Learning
	Professor Naresh Kikkeri	International Regional Advisor for Americas
	Dr Monica Terlizzo	International Regional Advisor for Europe
	Professor Maysa Al-Hussaini	International Regional Advisor for the Middle East & North Africa
	Dr Omar Layth Qassid	Associate International Regional Advisor for the Middle East & North Africa
	Professor Kedar Deodhar	International Regional Advisor for South-East Asia
	Dr Ranganathan Iyer	Associate International Regional Advisor for South-East Asia
	Professor John Obafunwa	International Regional Advisor for Sub-Saharan Africa
	Dr Anan Ghazy	International Education Lead – Sponsorship Scheme Microbiology
	Professor Jo Martin	Project Lead
In attendance	Joanne Brinklow	Director of Learning
	Kelley Price	International Projects Officer
	Giles Hanratty	International Education Officer
Apologies	Dr Hiba Ali	International Education Lead – ITSS Histopathology
	Dr Sanjiv Manek	Clinical Director of Examinations
	Dr Wale Ayetobi	Clinical Lead for the ARISE project
	Professor Lai-Meng Looi	International Regional Advisor for the Western Pacific Region
	Professor Nicki Cohen	Clinical Director of Training and Assessment

1. Declarations of Interest

- a. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Matters Arising from May's International Committee Minutes

- a. There was nothing to mention from the May's International Committee minutes.



3. Clinical Director's Report

- a. The Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons provided 24 webinars to support their four main curricula, it concluded with a virtual event in May 2022.
- b. 1 July 2022 International Team presented at the London Regional Surgery, which was chaired by Dr Rachael Liebmann. The presentation focussed on steps required for Trusts to help international medical graduates pursue either MTI or Sponsorship schemes.
- c. The International Activities Day is being discussed and plans for its delivery will be communicated soon.

4. 2023-2026 International Strategy

- a. International engagement fund: £9000 (£1500 per region), International Regional Advisors: £3000 (£500 per region), International Committee: £6000 (November nominally 'in-person', May virtual), other projects can take place but is subject to external funding.
- b. Review of 2019-2022 International Strategy: provided learning opportunities by hosting numerous webinars and published on the College website, renewed approximately eight MoUs, delivered two train-the-trainer events in Nigeria, launched a humanitarian resource page on the College's website, remodelled the International Pathology School (formerly the International Summer School) to make it more accessible to more countries and medical students.

5. Regional Reports

Americas

- a. Dr Kikkeri is interested in holding an in-person meeting for Fellows in the Americas region.
- b. It is currently difficult for international medical graduates to secure visas to visit laboratories and hospitals in the United States.

Europe

- a. In Hungary the autopsies rate is high, the European congress of pathologist 2022 was well attended by Hungarian Pathologists.
- b. In Ukraine MoU is being negotiated for renewal. Professor Anatolii Romaniuk is actively working in collaboration with the College to redevelop training in pathology. Educational events took place virtually in October 2021 and 2022. Dr Wise and Dr Howard Country Advisors wish to step down from their role. Regional Advisor for Europe mandate is coming to an end in May 2023.

Middle East and North Africa

- a. 120 hours and 80 lectures were delivered covering breast pathology, GIT pathology and dermatopathology.
- b. A 3-day workshop was conducted in Alexandria, Egypt on 15-17 October 2022, where Dr Ahmad from iHistopathology delivered lectures in head and neck cytopathology.
- c. FRCPath part 2 examination took place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- d. IHistopathology Team was awarded the "Achievement Awards" by the College in recognition for the role the team plays in reaching out and education pathologists in the MENA region.

South-East Asia



- a. Centres for FRCPath Part 2 examination are limited and it would help to have a centre in this region.
- b. Dr Sachdev recommends a short attached in UK (observer post) prior to the final examination so candidates can gain some knowledge of the working style in the UK.
- c. The Sri Lankan government used to sponsor the MTI doctor's time in the UK, however due to the current situation in Sri Lanka that is no longer occurring.
- d. Dr Vitharana, Dr Iyer and Dr Sachdev outlined they would be willing to participate in any educational activity (online/in-person) in the South-East Asia region in histopathology, haematology and microbiology.
- e. **Action: South-East Asia region would be interested in having Country Advisors for Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan.**

Sub-Saharan Africa

- a. Between May and June 2022 6 lecture series was delivered on Antimicrobial Resistance which was delivered by the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria.
- b. In Zimbabwe collaborations with the Royal College Australasia College of Pathologists and the United States and Canada Academy of Pathologists.
- c. South African College of Pathologists successfully conducted its examinations virtually. The conference of South Africa National Health Laboratory Services was delivered.
- d. **Action: There is a recommendation to assign Country Advisor for Ghana.**

6. Any Other Business

- a. Plans for delivering an International Activities Day are being discussed. It will most likely be delivered as a short webinar. The call will involve outlining the international activities of the College, such as: the international schemes, the different College examinations and how international medical graduates can get involved in the College.

7. Dates for 2023

- a. Intentional Committee and Diaspora meeting – 17 May and 6 November 2023
- b. International Pathology Day – Wednesday 8 November 2023
- c. International Medical Graduate Webinar – To be confirmed

The Chair thanked everyone for joining and brought the meeting to an end.