



International Regional Advisor Role

Description

The College's Mission Statement

The Royal College of Pathologists' mission is to: advance the science and practice of pathology, further public education in the field of pathology, and promote study, research and innovation in pathology and disseminate results.

Pathology is Global is the international strategy of the Royal College of Pathologists. The first Pathology is Global Strategy ran from 2013-2018 and laid the foundations of the College's international work; the latest three-year strategy, ending in 2026, aims to build on the successes from the last five years and align with the overall College objectives.

Function and remit

There are six international College regions and the International Regional Advisors act as key points of contact for members, both in the relevant region and in the UK. They will support the work of the Clinical Director of International Activities by implementing priorities at a regional level, identifying opportunities for engagement, project collaborations and membership development. Key aspects of the role include, but are not limited to:

- Contributing to the delivery of the College's international strategy.
- Developing and maintaining effective communications with the College's members within their respective region, including ascertaining the views and feedback of members on relevant issues and adequately representing these views on the International Committee.



- Establishing and maintaining effective communication with the Country Advisors within their respective region and meeting with them in advance of each International Committee meeting.
- Supporting the formulation and delivery of Country Advisor engagement plans for their respective countries, and developing an overall regional plan detailing for example, regional priorities and objectives; key institutions to be engaged; opportunities for developing country representatives; building the profile and presence of the College within the region etc.
- Advising the International Committee about their region, including identifying emerging issues and advising the International Committee on the implications of any policies, identifying any opportunities or projects which may exist to extend the College's influence, securing funding from external sources and building its international profile etc.
- Supporting the activities of the International Committee and work of the College e.g. identifying speakers for international events such as International Pathology Day and webinars or webinar series, supporting funded projects being undertaken via the College etc.
- Submitting and delivering progress reports to the May and November International Committee meetings.
- Representing the College in their respective regions in their professional relationships and through attendance at appropriate national and regional meetings.
- Promoting the College, its member services, qualifications, examinations, standards, education and training amongst the wider College membership and potential members through the use of the College website, College social media, quarterly Bulletin and College events or meetings.
- Keeping informed of the rules and regulations underpinning the College's work in training, examinations and continuing professional development.



- Acting as a source of advice, guidance and expertise to the College on the nature and structure of pathology training, assessments, examinations and professional development in the relevant region.

Appointment

Approval

The appointment of International Regional Advisors shall be approved by the College Council.

Term

International Regional Advisors shall be appointed for a term of three years. The term shall be renewable for a further period of two years and is subject to approval by the International Committee and College Council.



Person Specification

College Fellows who wish to be considered for an International Regional Advisor position should demonstrate, amongst other things, the following skills and qualities. At the time of taking up the position, International Regional Advisors must be able to demonstrate the following requirements:

Requirements	Essential	Desirable
Attributes		
Fellow of the College for 5 years	✓	
In good standing with the relevant national medical authority	✓	
Up to date with their Continuing Professional Development (CPD)/Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements	✓	
In current pathology practice and practicing for five years or more	✓	
Experience of living and working in the relevant region	✓	
Currently residing in the region		✓
Skills and abilities		
Ability to communicate effectively and develop effective working relationships on an individual basis with College colleagues and staff	✓	
Excellent verbal and written communication skills with the ability to write clear and concise reports, letters and communications	✓	
Ability to work as part of a team and be proactive	✓	
Ability to provide leadership, set goals and inspire others	✓	
Qualities		
A commitment to promoting the College, its services, qualifications, examinations, and standards within the specified region	✓	



Knowledge and understanding of pathology education, training, practice, and research in the region	✓	
Well established contacts with pathologists and relevant health institutions and laboratories within the region	✓	
Involvement in or membership of networks, forums, or associations within the region	✓	
An interest in developing new and existing College-supported activities for pathologists and other health care professionals in the region	✓	
Commitment to equality and diversity and understanding of how this would apply to own role and responsibilities	✓	

