



<b>Role Title</b>	<b>International Councillor</b>
<b>Reporting to</b>	President and Council
<b>Duration and Dates of Appointment</b>	September 2017
<b>Main Responsibilities</b>	
<p>The role of International Councillor carries significant professional responsibility as you will be the RCOG's spokesperson in the region of the world that you represent. The RCOG's international reputation is built on the high quality of its education, examinations, training, guidelines and standards. In an overseas context, the RCOG uses its network of members to disseminate this experience and knowledge more widely, and to develop and deliver increased capacity to assist under resourced countries. The Global Health Strategy lays the foundation for the College's global health work.</p> <p>You will engage with local members and/or national societies or colleges to promote awareness and commitment to the RCOG's products and services and develop partnerships with other agencies/colleges engaged in women's health care. You will be the voice on Council for local members reporting on regional activities and also feeding back the deliberations of Council.</p> <p>This is a high profile and rewarding role with significant opportunities for the post holder to develop influential regional networks with a high level of members' engagement that brings about change locally. You will also be able to influence RCOG policy for international benefit.</p> <p><b>Council Responsibilities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To act as the RCOG's representative in your region</li> <li>2. To attend Council meetings six times a year in person of which attendance at two thirds is compulsory. These occur on Fridays and some Saturday mornings.</li> <li>3. To attend admissions ceremonies. There are 2 in May/June, 1 in September and 2 in November (coincide with Friday Council meetings) of which a minimum of three must be attended</li> <li>4. To report to Council annually on regional activities and feed back to the international network and relevant local RCOG group</li> <li>5. To liaise with the other International Councillors on activities within your region and develop ideas for cross region working</li> <li>6. To attend Global Health committee' meetings in person or via video conference, including 4 meetings annually of the Global Health Board</li> <li>7. The College has 60 plus standing committees and many will have 1 or 2 representatives from Council. You will be expected to contribute to a small number of College' committee meetings which would require attendance in person or via video conference</li> <li>8. To attend and contribute at RCOG World Congress.</li> </ol>	

**Regional Responsibilities:**

9. To encourage Fellows/Members/Associates in the international region to engage and contribute to all areas of College activities such as projects and conferences, and in particular to the implementation of the global health strategy
10. To communicate with Fellows/Members/Associates in the region on important issues and act as Council's voice in the region and promote College' initiatives.
11. To participate in virtual Global Health Unit meetings with the international network and relevant representative' groups at least annually.
12. To maintain and develop communication and a good working relationship with national O&G societies in your region such as FOGSI/OGSM/ RANZCOG/EBCOG etc. - this will require regular electronic communication and some travel to national/regional congresses.
13. To act as RCOG's advocate for women's health and rights across the region.
14. To formally handover to your successor on demitting office, including introductions to key players in your region.

**RCOG Responsibilities:**

15. To assist the RCOG by providing local knowledge on the region.
16. To lobby government and health officials about the Sustainable Development Goals, regional and national initiatives to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity and the development of projects contributing to improvements in Sexual Reproductive Health.
17. To develop and support Fellows/Members/Associates in countries where there are few members and encourage associate membership.
18. To make recommendations to Officers and Council regarding suitable candidates for honorary Fellowships in the region.
19. To promote the Sims Black Fellowships and encourage local Fellows/Members to put forward suitable projects to be undertaken by a Sims Black Fellow.
20. To promote the RCOG's relevance to doctors practicing as Obstetricians and gynaecologists in the region who are not Fellows/Members/Associates of the RCOG.
21. To promote and expand the Medical Training Initiative across the region.

**Personal Responsibilities:**

22. Opportunity to develop as an RCOG' spokesperson for the region
23. Opportunity for International travel and assisting with overseas projects, examinations and training.

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**24. Time Commitment**

This role carries significant professional responsibility and time will be required away from your work base which will need to be agreed with your Clinical and/or Medical Director.

- Formal induction day
- Council meetings six times a year of which a minimum of two thirds must be attended
- Five Admission Ceremonies held on the same day as Friday Council meetings of which a minimum of three must be attended
- Regional meetings once a year
- Commitment to some additional RCOG' committee work will be required, including attendance at 4 Global Health Board meetings annually and some other global health

meetings

- Attendance at the RCOG World Congress other conferences and meetings within the region
- Attendance at RCOG Official dinners held to coincide with Council meetings

#### Evaluation of the Role and Training

On election there will be an official induction to the post and annual appraisal thereafter which contributes to your whole practice appraisal

Training (online) in Public Sector Equality Duty will be provided by the RCOG.

Support for media training where applicable

#### PERSON SPECIFICATION

##### Qualifications / Training

###### Essential

- Fellow or Member in active practise
- Every candidate standing for election must be a Fellow or Member in the UK or Republic of Ireland, and nominated in writing by at least three Fellows or Members of the College.
- Up to date knowledge of *Good Medical Practice* (GMC, 2013)

###### Desirable

- Up to date knowledge of *Becoming Tomorrow's Specialist* (RCOG, 2014)

##### Key Skills / Attributes

###### Essential –

- Detailed Knowledge of the O&G practices and structures/organisations within the region
- In active clinical practice
- First class leadership skills with strong personal presence, credibility and confidence
- Successfully led teams, projects or changes
- Good communication, diplomatic and interpersonal skills
- Good written and presentation skills
- Knowledge of College' activities and ability to represent the College effectively
- Advocate for College internationally
- Up to date knowledge of the region

###### Desirable

- Second language which is relevant to the region being represented
- Work experience within the Region
- Experience in global Health

**Applications are invited for this post and should be sent to:**

**Council Vacancies****President/CEO Directorate**

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**Council's TOR:**

The RCOG is a registered charity and is governed by a Royal Charter. College Regulations guide our governance, management and business.

1. Council is the RCOG's most senior professional body, responsible for furthering and fulfilling the mission of the College and for setting long-term goals and aims.
2. All College Boards and professional committees report to Council, including the RCOG Women's Network and the Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales Committees.
3. Council agrees clinical and performance standards for RCOG education and training.
4. Council debates, develops, advises and recommends policies and actions on clinical and professional matters for women's health, the science and practice of obstetrics and gynaecology.
5. Council is responsible for establishing working parties and inquiries to further the mission of supporting women's health and for receiving reports from any bodies established.
6. Matters for communication to Fellows, Members and Trainees are the responsibility of Council.